

Ottawa Recovers \$478,851,221 From War Supply Contractors

OTTAWA (CP)—The government did a little renegotiating and recovered \$478,851,221 from scores of war supply contractors. But it lost a \$90 fight with James C. "Little Caesar" Petrillo.

A paragraph deep in the bulky 1946-47 public accounts tabled in the House Friday relates how the National Film Board coughed up \$90 under the laws of Petrillo's American Federation of Musicians (A.F.M.).

Here's the story as Auditor-General Watson-Solomon reported it.

The film board contracted with a producer for sound recordings for certain films. The contract covered the services of the members of the orchestra and a conductor. The music for the production, "Occupational Therapy," was written by a member of the board's staff, and the orchestra was conducted by him.

But the conductor, a member of the A.F.M., was not a member of the union local at the point of recording, and the union "required a standby."

"Therefore, the board paid (a) the conductor's fee as included in the contract price of \$2,630; (b) the charge of \$90 for a standby conductor, and (c) the officer's salary for the period of recording."

The public accounts, giving the

Dominion's balance sheet for the fiscal year ended last March 31, deals for the most part with sums in excess of \$90.

They report, for instance, that \$478,851,221 was recovered after investigation and renegotiation of wartime contracts, and that there was a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$373,600,000, compared to a deficit of \$2,123,000,000 in the fiscal year 1945-46.

Another \$4,627,491 in "excessive" war contracts still is outstanding. Contractors, if they contest the government's demand for that sum, have recourse to the Exchequer Court.

Under law, the reconstruction minister may order refund to the Crown when he is satisfied the total paid a war supply contractor is in "excess of fair and reasonable cost of performance and of reasonable profit."

Honeymooners Back To Mark Birthday Of King Sunday

By NORMAN CRIBBENS
LONDON (CP)—The King will be 52 Sunday and like most family men he has chosen to spend his birthday quietly at the bedside with his wife, daughter and household dogs.

At the Royal Lodge, an unpretentious mansion in Windsor, the King, Queen and Princess Margaret will enjoy the simply furnished lounge.

Later Queen Mother Mary will join the family circle at a small birthday dinner at which roast beef or chicken, the King's favorite dishes, will be served. The return of Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, from their honeymoon in Scotland will make the day complete.

Officially, the King's birthday will not be celebrated until next June.

Only last Thursday the King passed the 11th anniversary of



Miss Joan T. Harris, left, a department store employee, and Mrs. Caroline Hoard, 350 Beach Drive, were the first persons to present themselves at this week's blood transfusion clinic held in the Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion Hall. The two volunteers wait while technicians determine their blood group. Standing at right is Technician Joyce Donegan, who travels about the province with the Red Cross clinic. During the two-day visit here 456 donations were made to the Red Cross blood bank.

his succession to the throne and friends remarked how little he had changed during the stormy years of his reign.

Apart from greying hair and certain tiredness around the eyes, he retains much of the youthful appearance that so well became him when as Duke of York he stayed at boys' camps named after him. He still has his boyish figure, abundant energy and a clear, healthy complexion.

WEARS GLASSES FOR READING

Recently he has taken to wearing glasses for reading. Among the papers on his wide-topped mahogany desk in Buckingham Palace is the first draft of his Christmas Day broadcast, which

he will rewrite many times before going on the air.

The King's attitude towards the broadcast has changed considerably since his coronation in 1937. Then he hated and dreaded

the ordeal. But so gallantly has he overcome the former hesitancy in his speech that friends say he now is enthusiastic over the annual talk to the Commonwealth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A salvage collection for Fairfield, Fernwood and Mount Tolmie. E 3413.

Announcing: University Extension Association Dec. 15, 8.15 p.m. Central Junior High School; Dr. N. A. M. Mackenzie, C.M.G., president of University of B.C. (chairman); Dr. J. M. Ewing, principal, Victoria College; Mr. K. Drury, managing editor of the Vancouver News-Herald; panel discussion, "Commission Report on the Freedom of the Press."

An exhibition of the work of the Children's and Junior Creative Arts Classes will open Sunday and continue through Wednesday from 2 to 5 at the Newlyn Studios, 1358 Pandora Ave./near Fernwood Road.

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Estranged 'Widow' Buries Man Under Mistaken Identity

MONTREAL (CP)—Scraping together the few dollars she could spare, Mrs. Arthur Beaudoin two months ago gave her "estranged husband" a Christian burial when he died deserted, in a Montreal hospital. Today, she was informed the man she buried was not her husband, but a stranger named Omer Beaudry.

And today, Omer Beaudry's great wife, who, only 48 hours ago she discovered that it was the body of her husband which had been interred in a plain coffin, bought with Mrs. Beaudoin's savings, in an east end cemetery last Oct. 16.

She and her three sons made the discovery after weeks of searching for their husband and father as they stood in the cemetery while the body of the 69-year-old man was exhumed.

The story of Beaudry's disappearance was unfolded: On Oct. 2, a pedestrian was struck by a Montreal streetcar and he was rushed to a hospital. When he regained consciousness, the man had lost his memory. The only clues to his identity were a crumpled receipt, signed "Arthur Beaudoin," and a plain gold-band ring, with the initials O.B.

Five days later, the man died. Mrs. Arthur Beaudoin, who had read newspaper descriptions of the man, said the man was her husband, from whom she had been separated for the past 15 years.

She paid for the funeral and thus, on the same day, "Arthur Beaudoin" was interred.

Ready To Cut Prices

NEW YORK (AP)—Rep. Gamble (R-N.Y.) says United States lumber producers are prepared to slash prices as much as 25 per cent and that Congress will act, if necessary, to legalize an industry-wide agreement to

implement such a reduction. Gamble, speaking before the Metropolitan Association of Real Estate Boards, said that Congress, by granting lumber producers partial immunity from the anti-trust laws, would be acting to alleviate the present housing shortage and help curb inflation.

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Up-Island Traffic Broken When Bridge Washes Out

Highway traffic and telephone service between Nanaimo and up-island centres were severed today as rain-swollen Englishman's River washed out the temporary Island Highway Bridge, one mile south of Parksville.

The central pier of the bridge went out this morning after the river began blowing over the deck of the bridge and eating away at the foundations of the structure.

Meanwhile all vehicular traffic between Parksville and Port Alberni has been halted by wash-outs on that road. It is understood that the road has been carried away in three places in the vicinity of Cameron Lake.

Officials of the E. & N. Railway said today that while the water along the right-of-way north of Nanaimo was high the tracks were safe and service was being maintained.

Provisions for make-shift service are being made. Vancouver Island Coach Lines here said all bus service between Nanaimo and Port Alberni had been canceled.

Service between Nanaimo and up-island centres is being maintained by shipping bus passengers by train between Nanaimo and Parksville.

Earlier this week the French government refused to accept a Soviet note protesting the expulsion of 19 Soviet citizens from France last month and Friday night it informed Moscow that it considered that action had been entirely legal and proper.

NO MISTREATMENT
A Foreign Office note said the 19, whose expulsion was carried out at the height of the recent Communist-led strikes in France, were expelled in accordance with international law and usage and without mistreatment.

The French accused them of "interference" in the affairs of France. The note was made public only a short time after the National Assembly had given Premier Robert Schuman's cabinet a new vote of approval in a debate of criticism of the French government by Lt.-Col. Raymond Marquie, Communist chief of the expelled French Repatriation Mission to Moscow. The vote was 411 for Schuman and 183 Communists against.

Honor For Foulkes
OTTAWA (CP)—Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, Chief of the General Staff, will be honored Monday in a ceremony at the Netherlands Embassy.

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French Arrests Of Russians Bring Protest

PARIS (AP)—A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today the Soviet Embassy had protested new French arrests of Russian citizens at Paris and Marseille.

He said the note had been delivered this morning and was being translated. He was unable to give any details as to its contents or comment.

The semi-official Agence France-Press earlier had quoted the Soviet Embassy as saying Alexandre Abramov, the Charge d'Affaires, had handed a note to Jean Chauvel, Secretary-General at the French Foreign Ministry, asking the immediate liberation of those arrested.

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Four-Year-Old Girl Burned By Matches
Four-year-old Marie Bush of Sooke today is facing a six-week stay in hospital because she played with matches.

Marie was badly burned at the home of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Bush, Grant Road, Sooke, Friday, when a box of matches with which she was playing set fire to her kimono. Both her legs were burned and she suffered a severely burned arm as well.

Constable A. Quinn, B.C. Police, took the child into Royal Jubilee Hospital where she was treated by Dr. W. A. Trenholme. Today hospital officials say Marie is resting comfortably.

Mother Chokes To Death
HILLSIDE, N.J. (AP)—Mrs. Mary Fernandez, 34, an expectant mother, choked to death in her home yesterday when a metal tube, inserted in her throat during childhood to permit breathing, became clogged.

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Big 4 Foreign Ministers Take Day For Cooling Off

LONDON (AP)—The Foreign Ministers' session scheduled for today was postponed until Monday on British initiative, in order to allow tempers to cool after Friday night's violent argument.

The postponement was announced by the conference secretariat.

A member of the United States delegation said it was agreed that another session today would only result in quick tempers and confusion. The two-day recess will give the ministers time to plan a course of action.

Authoritative sources said the U.S. delegation agreed the conference was "hopelessly deadlocked" on the subject of reparations and that without agreement on reparations, discussion of economic and other subjects was useless.

State Secretary Marshall is expected to decide during the week-end whether to try and break off the conference immediately or go through the function of finishing

the agenda before doing it. Part of the decision will depend on the attitude of Foreign Minister Molotov at the opening of the Monday meeting.

Molotov was understood to be willing that the sessions continue. A Soviet spokesman said the future of the parley would depend on Marshall.

HOPES FADE
Some of Marshall's advisers said privately they believed Molotov's attack Friday when he denounced the whole range of the western powers' policy in Germany, had killed all hope even for superficial Big Four agreements on Germany and that little if anything could be accomplished by going on here.

Others contended Marshall might better avoid a move to end the conference immediately because of the possibility of the upsetting effects throughout Europe of such a formal Big Four break.

Fear For Safety Of Missing Man

Inspector Harry Mercer, chief of detectives, today issued a request to persons who know the whereabouts of Arthur Hampson, 39 years, from the Ss. Estevan to contact his department as soon as possible.

Mr. Hampson left the ship at 6 on the evening of Nov. 30 and has not been seen since. He left behind \$60 in cash, a cheque for one month's pay, a steamer trunk, club bag and a large pocket watch.

He is described as being five feet, seven inches tall, fair complexion. He had no overcoat. He has a right glass eye.

Fear for his safety is felt in view of his failure to return to the place where his money and belongings are.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Butter prices rose another two cents a pound here today, bringing the retail price to 69 cents and upwards to 74 cents in some stores. Wholesalers reported the increase was necessary to meet demand from eastern markets.

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THE FREE WAY

THE PRINCIPLE OF PRICE CONTROLS
—a subject which has prominently engaged the attention of Parliament during the current session—is one that involves consideration of a complete mode of national life rather than merely a financial measure which carries no further implications. We in this Canadian democracy believe that the best manner of arranging our economic well-being is to impose governmental controls on free enterprise only to the extent that temporary maladjustments may make them necessary. The "normal" condition should be free competition with government intervention only to prevent injustice and chicanery. That is the Liberal philosophy, and it works.

Yesterday's attempt by the C.C.F. members in Ottawa to have the government's power to impose price controls continued until Dec. 31, 1948, was in reality a minor phase of that party's general policy of placing all the business and industry of the country under full and permanent controls. There lies the sharp and fundamental cleavage between the Liberal and the Socialist programs. In voting to extend price controls only to next March 31—the end of the fiscal year—the government was acting on the principle that wherever possible these trade restrictions should be removed. It is obvious, of course, that some may still be required after that date, and in such cases, on a selective basis, they may be later extended. But there will be no blanket, long-range continuation of governmental powers to interfere needlessly in the Canadian economy.

Such a policy is clearly in keeping with the fundamental principle of free enterprise. There are numerous countries in the world today in which governments, less closely wedded to the tenets of democracy, have clung tenaciously to the powers which were vested in them in the critical days of wartime emergency. Canadians may be proud that their government has not suffered such delusions of grandeur and claimed authority which has no place in the free enterprise system. The old saying that "good government is the least government" is still a basic truth, and the situation on this continent, where the highest standards of living in the world prevail, is an argument in its favor that will not be downed by leftist or rightist propaganda.

THE GOOD EARTH

DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES OF WAR- time publication and the austerity regulations of the present day, The Times of London has continued to uphold its high standard of excellence in many fields, not the least its presentation of artistic pictures of scenic beauty. In the air mail edition which came to our desk recently an outstanding piece of photography has caught the freshness of new-turned furrows in an Ontario ploughing match. As art, the display carries adequate appeal. But we see beneath the attraction it holds for the eye a more important appreciation. It symbolizes for us the vital importance of fruitful Canadian soil to a people who must depend on the produce of this land for much of their food. It is suggestive of the crops that are to come, of harvests which may relieve the scarcity and monotony of the British table. It is a picture which might claim the value of many thousands of words of type.

POOR PILOTING

THE FLOOD OF VITUPERATION WHICH has characterized Russian "diplomacy" in the past few months is being continued in the sessions of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' conference at London—and it is having the same effect on the Soviet's wartime allies as it had at Flushing Meadows, at Lake Success, over Moscow radio and in Russian periodicals. To put it bluntly, such tactics are causing nothing but irritation and disgust.

Yesterday's outpouring of bitter attacks on France, Britain and the United States, in which Mr. Molotov renewed his offering of insults, and repeated charges which had already been denied on previous occasions, was an exhibition that drew from United States Secretary of State Marshall a comment which was shared by the other western powers. Said the American representative: "It is very difficult to have any respect for the dignity of the Soviet Government." Britain's Foreign Secretary Bevin observed merely that Mr. Molotov should have had the courtesy to thank his hearers for sitting through such a tirade.

The affairs of a mighty nation like the U.S.S.R. have come to a pitiable state when its voice in the councils of the world echoes only insults and untruths. If such verbal barrages are intended principally for the consumption of the citizens at home, surely the Kremlin must realize that their very in-temperateness must sooner or later produce an adverse reaction. If the charges are retailed for home consumption but the denials are never admitted, the Russian citizen must sooner or later notice that fact and wonder what lies back of it. If, on the other hand, the Soviet leaders are really aiming

their oratorical shafts in an attempt to speak to the people of the democracies, then Moscow is making a mistake that is tragic in its revelation of misunderstanding and lack of perception. Russia ended the war high in the regard of all the western peoples for her valor, her industrial achievement and the sterling qualities of her citizens. Its history to record that through stupid official handling of her subsequent relations this great power has bungled her chance?

THEY WON AS A TEAM

IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THE PUBLISHED story of the late United States Gen. George (Blood and Guts) Patton, with its bitter criticism of Field Marshall Montgomery, should draw a sharp answer from those in a position to weigh the merits of the brilliant British soldier. Mr. Richard McMillan, British war correspondent, is one of those who has furnished a reply. In it he attributes the tirade by the American figure to jealousy. It is not our purpose to add fuel to the fires of disagreement.

What we wish to point out is simply this: Under the superlative direction of Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower, all forces of the Allied command in Western Europe worked as a team to defeat the Nazis. They achieved magnificent victory. That is the thing to be remembered. Leaders with different personalities naturally had different opinions on the manner in which various phases of the campaign should have been waged. After the event, many speculations could be offered over possible results if other tactics had been tried. Such conjectures may properly be the right of military men. It is highly unfortunate, however, that opinions should be so tinged with personal censure. Surely the world today has sufficient unavoidable animosities without the provocation of more which have their origin in events successfully concluded and now relegated to history.

AMONG THOSE WHO SERVED

IT CAN BE IT FROM US TO PROVOKE A controversy over the political outlook or activities of students at the University of British Columbia. Nor are we inclined to view with any favor a reported "minority of 70 devotees (which) gets its information from the Cominform" and may be actively communistic. Yet, in view of Student President Grant Livingstone's assertion that the U.B.C.'s other 9,000 students think for themselves, we are not disposed to accept without question the contention of Msgr. Francis Chalonier, chaplain of St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, that a "moral vacuum" surrounds the university, or subscribe to his fear that "a handful of Communists" are taking over the campus.

If recollection serves, we seem to remember that almost every generation of youth has been regarded either as "wild" or radical by its elders—a conventional opinion that appears to come with age in most cases. But as far as the University of British Columbia is concerned we find ourselves confronted with the fact that the tremendous overcrowding existing in that institution is the result of the overwhelming influx of veterans who are picking up again the threads of education they dropped when they answered their country's call. Is that the type of material in which an imported ideology may be expected to flourish?

RULE BY FORCE?

ADDING NEW COMPLICATIONS TO the friction which already exists in Palestine is today's report that three Jewish groups are manoeuvring for power over the new state now being born in extreme travail. That sections of the community should seek to advance their own theories for the administration of the nascent homeland is natural. Democratic practice furnishes the basis on which political leadership may be established.

The report, however, indicates that Hagana, Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang are aspiring to achieve dominance through control of the army. This, of course, may be a temporary expedient necessitated by the troubled conditions which exist in Palestine. On the other hand, the implication that control will rest with the particular faction which acquires command of the forces carries within it the seeds of a type of government repugnant to all who seek the establishment of freedoms as the cornerstone on which a state should stand.

Disregarding the disastrous example of Hitler in Germany, the world still has before it the unhappy symbol of government by army control in Spain. Is this the pattern on which the underground in Palestine wishes to build the new home?

WHAT IS SO RARE...

"WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN June?" the poet asks. And by Canada's Pacific coast the reader wonders if the inquirer has known a sunlit December afternoon, when a chill brilliance seems to distill the air, to bring to it the sharp tang of sparkling elder. Over the Strait that has traded its friendly summer blue for the clean translucence of a cold green, the clear pale light of winter shimmer. It scatters a silver lace on the crests of ripples, brings a sheen to wet rocks.

The atmosphere becomes a thing of the senses, something to taste, to swallow in long draughts, something in which to find the headiness of light wine. By its flavoring the scent of the bordering fir trees seems to gain an enriched spiciness. The wet grasses, the moss and the ground breathe out a clarified perfume.

The air is a stimulant that quickens the blood, clears the eye and sets the human spirit dancing. This is more rare than a day in June—and more precious for its contrast to other grey days.

Watch It

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA LETTER
NOT SO VERY long ago you were looked upon as somehow queer if you ran your personal or family money affairs on a budget. Nowadays, people know how pleasant it is to come out even at the week-end or year-end.

A family budget is a plan for making your income do the most possible to make you and your family happy. It is not a list of "Thou shalt nots," but a guide for better living, a device to get you things you want. It doesn't mean you have to stay home from the movies because the price of the ticket would upset your petty cash. In fact, good budgeting says it is all right to be wildly extravagant on occasion—so long as you know you are doing it and are getting value for your money and for the discomfort your budget tells you will follow.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE for anyone to advise you in detail the budgeting path to take. What gives the greatest satisfaction to one person or family would not appeal at all to another. Needs are different. For example, you may be employed by a firm which has a pension plan and group insurance, while your neighbor may have to make his own budget plans for retirement, medical care and insurance.

Husband and wife are partners, and as the children become of age to understand money and money management they should be taken into the business. Be definite as to who is responsible for paying what, and be clear that individual responsibilities are part of a co-operative program.

SPENDING can be as virtuous as saving. No matter how large or how small your income may be, you can make your life miserable by spending in stupidity or saving in ignorance. Some persons who have studied the matter deeply say that through wise buying a family can expand its income by 10 to 20 per cent, and an article in the New York Times in October, in the midst of alarms about rising costs, declared flatly that if armed with the proper facts "consumers should be able to halt the rise in their personal cost of living indices, maybe even start a downturn."

You will be surprised to find how comfort and beauty can be bought for very little if you shop and spend wisely, choose carefully, and plan your home so that everything is in proportion to your income.

THE IMPORTANT departments in household spending are: shelter, food, clothing, household operation and savings. With in each one, you create your own spending plan. The following table gives typical budgets for (1) a couple with two children; (2) a business woman; (3) a bachelor:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Shelter	25	20	20
Food	40	35	40
Clothing	15	15	10
Household operation	10	10	10
Savings	10	10	10

THESE ALLOTMENTS look nice and orderly, and they seem to agree very well with one another in their division of the income dollar. It would be safe, however, to add another section, which might be labelled "Oil." That's for oil for troubled waters. It will cover mistakes and save personal or family or office headaches. It will cover the \$10 you lend to a friend and never get back; the \$5 you spend on impulse on a present for a special occasion.

However, it is quite impossible to lay down a budget routine that will apply in practice in every individual case. There is no "right" or "wrong" budget, but only one that is right or wrong for your particular needs. If it will make figuring any easier, don't think of budgeting as planning expenditures in advance, think of it as planning your net income in advance... the sum you will have left to do with as you please after providing for living.

FIRST, set down your income. Don't day-dream about this; put down the smallest amount you expect to receive and base your budget on that. Next, deduct your income tax. Just take this philosophically, and decide to disregard it. What is left is your available, spendable income. Estimate the total fixed or "must" expenses for the year, such as rent, interest charges, repayment of debt, and other items of which you know in advance. Subtract this total from your net income, and what you have left is the amount which may be budgeted in detail. Decide how this balance may be divided among the various items to give the greatest satisfaction to your family.

Let us agree, quite cheerfully that there must be some money that disappears as completely as if the mice had eaten it. One husband going over his wife's records came away little while on an entry: "HOK \$150" or "HOK \$3." He asked what it meant and was told: "Heaven Only Knows."

Having started budgeting, stick to it. Enough people do it successfully to indicate that it is worth while.

PLANNING expenditures will bring about more intelligent use of income: (1) the necessities will be provided for because they will be considered first, thus removing a possible source of worry; (2) purchases will be made more wisely because they are foreseen. Advantage can be taken of sensational reduction in prices, and time is available to search for the particular article wanted; (3) what you purchase, for example in the way of furnishings or clothing, will fit together better because planned together; (4) leaks will be uncovered and can be plugged; (5) the budget will lead to establishment of a better standard of living by tying all the parts together which are now loose, and building a program.

December Sunshine



—Strickland pictures a typical scene on the Beacon Hill waterfront.

More Wraps On The Movies

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

THE BIG CHIEFS of moviedom plainly had the daylight scared out of them by the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings on Hollywood communism. So it is easy to believe the report that, for some time to come, Hollywood's output is going to be more bland and harmless than ever.

A tip-off on the big chiefs' attitude was their announcement that the 10 writers and directors, cited by the House for contempt, would be discharged or suspended. They also said that Communists would be refused employment henceforth. At the same time, they declared that the movie industry had never made any pictures that were "subversive or un-American."

That last claim has not been seriously challenged. The Un-American Activities group has threatened to produce films that show the insidious Red influence at work, but it hasn't delivered. If the members can find Communist propaganda in any Hollywood movie they will be performing quite a feat. Movie audiences and movie reviewers have failed to find it and complain about it. If there is any propaganda, it is so subtle that American pictures are still

banned from Russia as instruments of capitalism and imperialism.

But word comes that the big studios, besides screening the politics of prospective employees, are going to dodge any subjects that have "social significance." One Hollywood reporter writes that the decision has even hit four scripts that had congressmen in the cast of characters. Three, which treated their congressional characters critically or lightly, have been shelved. In the fourth, the lawmaker was changed into an ambassador.

Like it or not, that attitude isn't hard to understand. The movie-makers already are fenced in by many restrictions—some of which were badly needed when they were introduced. These restrictions are imposed by the industry itself and by outsiders. They have to do with language, dress, situations, and what not. That's plenty to worry about. Now Hollywood output may also be screened for "subversion" by a congressional committee whose collective views are, shall we say, a little right of centre.

The movie-makers know they have one sure defence for such a threat. They can stick to boy-gets-girl.

That is a pity, for the movies have a great potential power to help their audiences become better citizens of this country and the world. That power is not often used, which makes us believe that a greater threat to Hollywood than communism is the negative belief that any picture is OK as long as it makes money and doesn't offend anybody.

Occasionally, some producer departs from that formula. Then we get such films as "Fury," "The Grapes of Wrath," "Crossfire," "Gentleman's Agreement" and some of the prewar Frank Capra pictures. There haven't been many. But there have been enough to show that real problems of a real society can be entertaining dramatic material.

MISGUIDED

Now the chances are slim of anyone's making such films very soon. The threat of political censorship has worked about as well as the real thing. Hollywood will watch its step. It is easy to blame Hollywood for a lack of courage, but when courage threatens livelihood, a touch of prudence is pardonable. The fault is the misguided zeal of the would-be censors.

Why Spread Misunderstanding?

By PETER EDSON from Washington

IT TAKES only a hasty look at translations of one day's broadcasts from Radio Moscow to see what Secretary of State George C. Marshall had in mind when he said:

"The truth, as I see it, is that from the termination of hostilities down to the present time, the Soviet government has consistently followed a course which was bound to arouse the resentment of our people... Just what the purpose of this remarkable procedure has been, I am at a loss to determine... But since it affects the very stability of the world, it is time to call a halt to such inflammatory practices."

HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few highlights of a typical day's monitoring by the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of Central Intelligence:

First, from the USSR home service, broadcast to the Russian people, is a review of an article in the American Magazine of Art. Based on a survey of replies from 150 U.S. artists, it attempts to prove that the average American artist has \$157 disposable income a year.

Then came the announcer's comments, such as these: "Capitalism is poisoning art, not only with the venom of moral savagery, but also with the cancer of penury... Large commercial firms have established, during the last few years, their control and so-called 'patronage' over art... Art is leading a miserable existence in the United States of America and it is being degraded lower and lower from year to year."

Nobody is apt to want to go to war over that. But most of the stuff is more serious in nature. Here's a sample in Danish, to Europe:

"The warmongers are carrying on with undiminished energy, and their press continues its dangerous game regardless of the interest of their countries. The other day the Berlingske Tidende placed its columns at the disposal of the infamous architect and collaborator, Baron Schaffeltzky de Muckadell... The Danish Baron wanted to prove that the United States is the strongest nation and that the risk of an attack on the Soviet Union was not so very great."

UNITING ENEMIES
In Norwegian, to Europe, there was a broadcast on "The Military Strategy Plans of the United States in the north," with these gems:

"The Americans are extending their old and building new bases in Greenland. These bases are to serve as the starting-point for aggressive action against states in the vicinity and to make easy intervention by the dollar diplomats in the internal affairs of other countries... Greenland and Iceland are only stages in the long-term plans of the United States in the north... This is the platform from which the Wall Street defenders of

democracy wish to unite all the enemies of the Soviet Union's peace-loving peoples."

In the Persian language, to the Middle East, Radio Moscow put out a news program on "The Voice of German Public Opinion." It first told how a meeting in Berlin had drawn up a petition for revival of German economic unity. (Incidentally, this has long been an American objective, but it has been blocked by the Russians.) Moscow tells it this way:

"The treacherous journalists who breathe the air which blows from across the Atlantic are for their wages working with the same zeal at writing articles in support of a 'government' of western Germany... The point is that these gentlemen are opposed to a united, democratic Germany... They sometimes still make hypocritical statements about the unity of Germany, but in actual fact they support the dismemberment of Germany and the setting up of a puppet government... called 'Bizonia'."

WHEN?

The only comment that seems necessary on all this tripe is that the United Nations General Assembly has just approved a resolution calling on all member governments to combat the spread of false information and distorted news likely to disturb friendly relations between nations.

Well, when does it get going?

No Cars, But Aussies Buy Planes

Australian News

It was easier to buy an aeroplane than a motor car in Sydney last week—and the planes didn't compare so badly in price either.

Kingsford Smith Aviation Service had a line of three-seater British Auster Autocrafts, "The People's Plane," for £1,890, (\$6,048) plus tax.

For the young couple there was something cheaper—an Austin Arrow, price £1,700 (\$5,440) plus tax.

For both jobs, customers had to wait only until they could be shipped out—eight weeks at the most.

It was different with cars. If you didn't have a priority,

you might have to wait months—probably a year—for a new Buick price £1,073, including tax (\$3,433).

A priority was also needed for an English Humber Pullman £2,150 (\$6,880), plus tax, but because fewer people wanted higher-priced cars, they will be available sooner.

Sold manager J. T. Brown of Kingsford Smith Aviation Service: "Our 'personal planes' are popular with business people who want to get around quickly. We recently sold three to out-back property owners in North Queensland and far-western New South Wales."

"Last week we even sold one to a motor car company."

But priority or no priority, it will be mid-1948 before the next Rolls-Royce, price £5,500, including tax (\$17,600), is sold in Sydney.

And it will be only the third Rolls-Royce sold in New South Wales since 1939. They take eight to ten months to build.

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Global Survey

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

POOR OLD ROME! Twenty years of Fascist Mussolini, and now a battle royal with totalitarian Communism which is described by Richard M. Scammon, official of the American military government in Germany, as "Fascism with a coat of red paint."

However, the flag of the new Italian republic still flies high in challenge to revolutionary tactics, and with the collapse of the general strike in the capital the government is doing better than hold its own.

A thoroughly organized and powerful Communist Party, drawing its inspiration and orders from Moscow, has been riding economically stricken Italy like the old man of the sea, but while it's too soon to make categorical predictions, things look brighter and there are good grounds for hope that Italy will pull through.

Of one thing we may be dead sure: Red Russia never will abandon its effort to secure domination of the Italian peninsula so long as it has a foothold. The Moscovites mean business with this world revolution of theirs, as witness the explosion in the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference in London yesterday.

Foreign Minister Molotov is said to have resumed his bitter lambasting of western democracy policies. The storm got so fierce that State Secretary Marshall is reported to have declared "it is very difficult to have any respect for the dignity of the Soviet government," and said Molotov's statement was made for "quite another purpose" than the problems of Germany and for "quite another audience" than the Foreign Ministers. And Foreign Secretary Bevin is quoted as characterizing Molotov's tirade as a whole series of insults and complete untruths, and adding that the Russian might at least thank the other ministers for sitting through such a statement.

Well, that represents the harsh bolshevist spirit behind the attack on Italian sovereignty.

Italy is a prize for which Russia is bound to fight to a finish.



MINISTRY BONER

Edmonton Journal

One of the worst boners of recent years was made by Britain's new fuel minister who described the nationalization of coal, electricity and gas as a "trilogy." The Oxford dictionary defines trilogy as "a set of three tragedies to be performed in immediate succession."

PARISIAN LAURELS

London (Ont.) Free Press

Canadians of all racial origins should feel a thrill of pride at the news that Gabrielle Roy, author of the novel "Bonheur d'Occasion"—or in its English version "The Tin Flute"—has been awarded the French Prix Femina. This is the first time any Canadian has won this major literary recognition.

SNORES OF THE SLEEPER

The Times of London

Conventions of courtesy and manners vary from generation to generation and country to country, and what is unintentionable in one is a subject for general conversation in another. Some of the Victorians went so far as to drape the legs of chairs and pianos, while the Erewhonians would be mortally affronted by any reference to the common cold.

There is, of course, a persistent affection which will always specialize in rudeness, but while the normal man may stand with equanimity criticism of his face and clothes, he does not like to be told that he snores. It is a charge to be as hotly resisted as that of failing to possess a sense of humor.

TEACHING GEOGRAPHY

Halifax Herald

During the winter months the port of Halifax will have ships and cargoes linking this old port with far places. It would be an excellent thing if organized parties of Nova Scotia school children could walk through some of the sheds and see the vast assortment of cargo.

It is practical geography which would surely have some effect. The school child who sees Canadian automobiles labeled for China, bundles of rubber from Batavia, barrels of china bearing the English maker's stencil, and all the strange variety of items which give a cargo shed so cosmopolitan an atmosphere, cannot but gain a new sense of geography. Foreign places are no longer merely words in a textbook; they are real places whose people trade with us across the seas.



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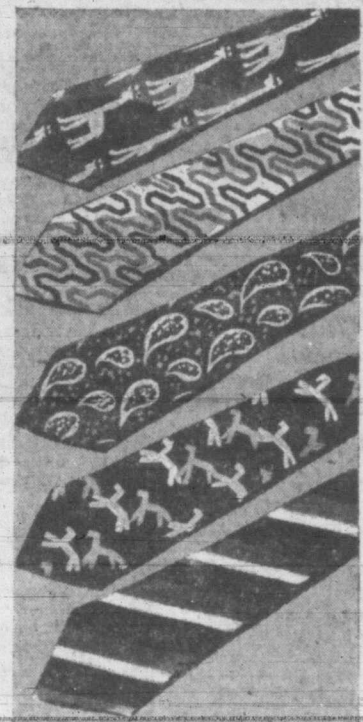
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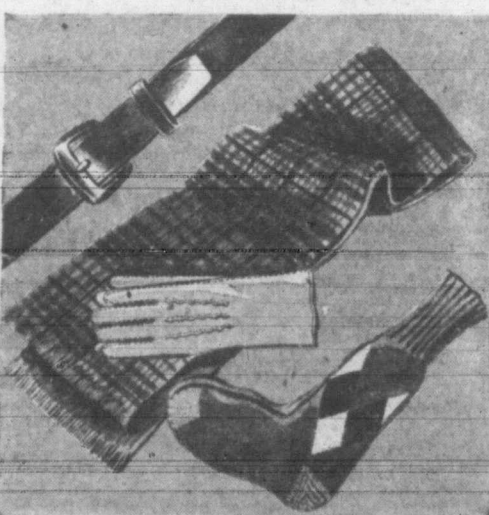
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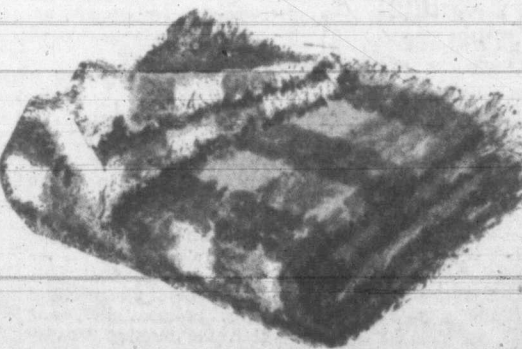
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Negotiations To Start At Once On Metropolitan Board

Immediately after the start of the new year the water board will have to start work on the determination of the exact water supply assets to be turned over to the Metropolitan Water Board, the price to be charged for them, and start negotiations, Ald. F. N. Cabellu, chairman, indicated today, as citizens of Victoria gave their overwhelming support to the formation of the board.

Ald. Cabellu said he hoped for as clear cut a mandate for the formation of the board from Saanich and Oak Bay, both of which are voting on the question Saturday.

One of the contentious points to be settled is whether or not the city will continue to operate the distribution mains in the extra-municipal areas of unorganized territory, or whether the metropolitan board will undertake distribution in these areas until they can form their own water districts, Ald. Cabellu explained.

He said he would favor hiring extra financial experts to work with Comptroller D. A. MacDonald in determining what a fair valuation of the system would be. "It is all financial, depending on returns," Ald. Cabellu explained.

Once this is done then the city committee will be in a position to start negotiations with Oak Bay and Saanich and to prepare the necessary sale by-law for submission to the ratepayers.

He said he hoped to be able to have legislation ready for the spring session of the Legislature which would permit setting up the metropolitan board, which gives the committee approximately three months in which to complete its negotiations.

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Individualistic Voters Note Protests On Ballot Papers

Voters are funny people, at least a certain percentage of them are, as M. F. Hunter, returning officer for the civic elections, can testify.

Although directions are made plain that a set number of candidates are to be voted for, many will blithely mark their ballots for too many, or on a referendum issue will nonchalantly vote both ways at the same time.

There are those who apparently get bored marking ballots with the traditional "x" and who put "yes" or "no," or make would-be funny comments, or get a vicarious satisfaction in scribbling their disgust or disagreement with the point at issue.

In Thursday's elections Mr. Hunter rejected 71 complete sets of ballots, 66 of them because the voter made some comment or mark whereby he could be identified, one because it was left entirely blank, and four for miscellaneous reasons.

On the referendum there were many left entirely blank and rejected for that reason. Highest number of blanks was on the City Hall site referendum, where 489 voters declined to express an opinion. There were 17 who marked them outside the designated place, and 12 who voted for more than one side.

On the amalgamation issue 257 did not choose to vote, 5 marked outside the right space, and four voted both ways simultaneously on the water board referendum. 395 would not state an opinion; while 455 would not bother choosing a police commissioner. Only 52 showed a complete disinterest in voting for aldermen.

PERENNIAL SOCIALIST

One voter must have had a busy time in the polling booth by himself. He stuck the ballots up with salmon tin labels, and hunk of sticky paper with the word "socialism" crayoned on in red and blue. Mr. Hunter said he is a perennial, and they have come to expect the "socialism" ballot each year.

One voter, on looking over the slate of would-be aldermen offering themselves for election, ap-

Air Veterans To Meet On Monday

Members of the Ad Astra Branch of the Canadian Legion will gather Monday night for their annual meeting. While nominations closed at the last meeting with only one name for the posts of president, first vice-president, second vice-president and W.D. representative, and treasurer, the meeting Monday will choose four general executive members from nine persons nominated.

Cmdr. Ross Ingalls, D.F.C., R.C.A.F. officer at Royal Roads Joint College, will address the gathering on the peacetime training of the Canadian air force, a topic that should be of great interest to those who knew the air force only in time of war.

It is expected that several new Women's Division prospective members will be present.

Business Failures 136 In 3 Months

OTTAWA (CP) — Business failures during the third quarter of 1947 rose to 13 compared with 64 in the same period last year and the highest for the period since 1942, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Friday. Failures in the third quarter of 1942 were 173, in 1940, 256, and in 1939, 343.

Quebec was worst hit, with 310 failures for the nine-month period, while Ontario had 51, the Maritimes, 13, the prairie provinces, nine, and British Columbia, 19.

3 Escapees Get 3 Years For Breaking, Entering

BURNABY (CP)—Three of 14 youths who escaped from the Oakalla Prison Farm Nov. 29, were sentenced Friday to three years in the penitentiary when they pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a dry goods store and stealing more than \$100 worth of clothing.

Allan Edgar Todd, 17, and Edward Mason, 18, of Vancouver, and William Edward Rader, 20, of Victoria, recaptured in The Dalles, Ore., will serve the sentences concurrently with three-year terms for breaking and entering the Vancouver police garage and taking the car in which they were captured.

British Parents Do Christmas Shopping Despite Austerity

LONDON (Reuter)—Austerity-harassed British housewives are snatching a few hours off these days from queuing for meat, fish, cakes or potatoes to do the family Christmas shopping—in more queues. But amid all the crowding and bustle there is a more widespread atmosphere of Christmas this year than since 1941.

Christmas trees laden with presents are dotted about the larger stores. Small shops and even the taverns are decorated with gaily-colored ornaments, strings of colored lights or multi-colored balloons—abundant this year for the first time since the war, but 10 cents each instead of the pre-war six for a dime.

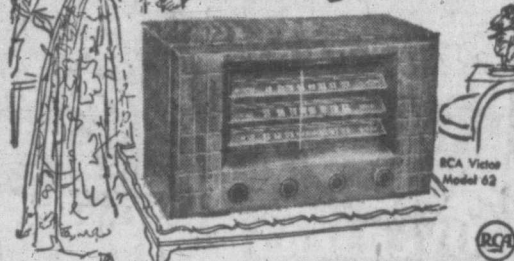
The shops don't show as much austerity as one might have expected after the forbidding forecasts of various ministers as the crisis broke over Britain. Most of the articles now being sold were already in the shops or on their way to them when the crisis broke.

Toys are to be had everywhere in profusion—at a price. It is possible to find fairly easily even the big toys like child-size automobiles, jeeps and rocking horses. But the parent who wants to give his child such a treat must be prepared to spend anywhere between \$20 and \$40.

But there is also a wide variety of small toys—the ever popular small model cars, buses, trucks with rubber tires at prices around about 60 cents for small boys; plastic tea sets, fittings down to the last detail of the bathroom for the small girl's dollhouse.

For the grown-up, too, presents are not lacking. For women, there is a large range of gifts from expensive perfumes to comparatively inexpensive bath salts artistically wrapped to resemble a bunch of grapes, all sorts of ornamented belts.

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Lewis Divorces 600,000 Miners From A.F.L. Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis has divorced his 600,000 miners from the American Federation of Labor again in a move viewed by some labor men as a sign that he intends to play an independent part in the 1948 presidential election.

The second split between the United Mineworkers and the American Federation of Labor came 11 years after Lewis first marched them out of the parent body and less than two years after he marched them in again.

The 67-year-old Lewis had had his hat in his hand ever since the last A.F.L. convention, when the executive council refused to go along with him in an all-out fight against the non-Communist provision of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The formal break came Friday night with a typical Lewis gesture of contempt, a scribbled note to A.F.L. president William Green saying: "Green, A.F.L.—We disaffiliate. Lewis. 12-12-47."

NOT COMMITTED

Several other union officials said it was likely Lewis did not want to be committed to whatever political role may be played by the new A.F.L. "Labor's Educational and political league."

Lewis quit the A.F.L. council at the October convention when members voted to change the constitution so they would not be "officers" of the A.F.L. within the meaning of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Thus they got around the requirement that all officers of a union must sign the non-Communist pledge if its affiliates are to have any standing with the National Labor Relations Board.

Although strongly anti-Communist himself, Lewis was furious at this knuckling under to a law he wanted to fight all the way.

He bitterly assailed his colleagues on the council as "intellectually fat and stately asses."

NOT SURPRISED

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP)—It was not surprising the United Mine Workers had withdrawn from the American Federation of Labor, because "the A.F.L.'s tacit support for the Taft-Hartley Act allowed no alternative to John L. Lewis, who had urged united and positive opposition to the anti-labor bill," Freeman Jenkins, president of District 26, U.M.W. (C.C.L.), said today.

MUCH DISCUSSION

PITTSBURGH (AP)—John L. Lewis' decision to take his 600,000 United Mine Workers from the American Federation of Labor was a big topic of discussion in western Pennsylvania coal fields today—and almost to a man the miners were backing their bushy-browed chief.

A few hours after Lewis had announced the break Friday night, the miners gathered in little groups in company stores and on street corners. There was little dissension. Typical of the pro-Lewis comment was this statement from Tom Brown, vice-president of U.M.W., Local 5085:

"John L. Lewis always has played smart and he's done it this time. He's the greatest labor leader in the world. We're back of him 100 per cent."

Honeymoon Bay Pioneer Is 81

HONEYMOON BAY.—Henry March, the first settler at Honeymoon Bay, who cut the first trail through from Cowichan Lake to his homestead here, celebrated his 81st birthday recently.

Mr. March was born at Rochdale, Lancashire, England. He came to Canada in 1885 and to Vancouver Island in 1887.

Mr. March has a 600-acre farm at Honeymoon Bay and still does work on it, planting his own garden this year. His son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles March and Susan reside at Honeymoon Bay.

Sadler Fund Total Amounts To \$10,027

The sum of \$10,027 was raised by the public of Greater Victoria to help Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sadler re-establish themselves after the Nov. 19 fire which destroyed their possession and took the lives of their two babies. Pat Paine, chairman of the financial end of the campaign, today announced the amount raised.

The fire-demolished home on the shores of Beaver Lake, Saanich, was built by war veteran Wilfred Sadler from his credits and gratuities. It was built to handle a summer concession business to cater to picnickers. The Sadler Rehabilitation Com-

mittee with Reeve E. C. Warren, chairman, presiding, met last night.

Plans are near completion for the construction of a new home on the lakeside site. Lumber is on the spot now, volunteer labor is sufficient and weather permitting should get underway some day next week.

Victoria West—Brownies of the 3rd Victoria West Cathedral Pack gathered Thursday afternoon, each member of the pack bringing a Christmas gift, suitably wrapped. These gifts were packed and sent to the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled Children at Mill Bay.

Japanese Oranges On Sale Monday

Japanese oranges will be on sale in Victoria either Monday or Tuesday of next week for the first time in six years, but wholesalers say "We won't be able to give customers as many as they want."

Of the total shipment of 73,000 boxes distributed between Vancouver, Victoria and lower mainland points, Victoria's share is less than 10 per cent. The first of the Victoria shipment reached

here this morning. It was one-eighth of the local allocation. Retail price a box will be between \$1.50 and \$1.60.

Members of Local 247 of the Musicians' Union Transcription Fund entertained residents of the Home for Aged and Infirm Men with a concert party Thursday night. The Home Towners, composed of Fred Usher, Bob McGill, Ernie Fullerton, Bill Botten and Geoff Venables, contributed to the program, as did Mrs. Stewart's old-time orchestra, composed of Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Benn, Mary Gibbens, Jack Hamer presented a specialty "rattling bones."

Chinchilla Breeders May Stage Show

A suggestion put forward at this week's meeting of the Vancouver Island branch of the National Chinchilla Breeders' Association of Canada held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Creighton, 200 Island Highway, to stage a chinchilla show during the spring was well received by members and a committee was appointed to look into the matter. Dr. C. Cranston spoke on many ills common to chinchillas

and dealt with methods of cure. J. Sims, president of the branch, was chairman of the meeting.

RYE, Sussex—The ancient custom of throwing hot coppers to the children was observed on the town's mayor-making day.

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Regimentation Not Needed Here; Freedom Our Best Wealth; Must Strengthen Defence, Says Pres. C. H. Carlisle

Record Assets of \$360,524,670, Increase in Loans, Deposits, Gen.-Man. Robt. Rae Reports

All Citizens Urged to Aid in Measures to Balance Our Trade Payments

Mr. Rae said that after making an appropriation to Contingency Reserves, \$1,254,756 for Dominion and Provincial Income and Corporation Taxes and \$214,766 for depreciation of Bank Premises, the net profits aggregated \$971,678, an increase of \$110,909. Regular dividends of \$700,000 left \$271,678 to add to Profit and Loss Account.

The Directors had decided to transfer to Reserve Fund \$1,000,000, placing the Reserve Fund at \$10,000,000 in relation to Paid-up Capital of \$7,000,000, and leaving Profit and Loss Account at \$632,413. Total Assets had increased by over \$20,000,000 to \$360,524,670—a new high point.

Increase in Savings Deposits

Deposits increased by over \$17,000,000 to \$323,000,000, showing a growth in the savings of the Bank's customers of about \$23,000,000. Demand deposits were practically unchanged; Dominion Government deposits declined by over \$6,600,000.

Immediately available Assets, including cash, security holdings and Call and Short Loans at over \$211,621,000, were down but remained proportionately high at 63.94 per cent of public liabilities. Cash assets increased to \$64,331,000, or 19.44 per cent of liabilities.

Loans Show Marked Increase

Security holdings decreased by about \$30,000,000 to \$138,803,839, made up chiefly of Dominion and Provincial securities of \$125,007,105, the former having declined by over \$30,000,000.

Current Loans in Canada increased about \$38,000,000 to \$127,584,397, of which grain loans accounted for nearly \$11,000,000. The lively tempo of business continued to require larger bank credit, the swing from Government to private financing being most gratifying.

Concluding, Mr. Rae said: "We live in grave times. International trade and, consequently, international finance, are in a chaotic condition due to the almost complete debilitation of Europe as a result of the war. Conflicting social and political philosophies confound the people and the nations. Canada has not escaped unscathed. The need to balance our foreign payments position is acute. Our government must take the lead in prescribing remedies and many of us will not relish the prescription. Our financial illness, however, is beyond the power of government alone to cure and each one of us must so arrange his affairs as to contribute to the correction of this situation. In this your Banks will do their part."

MR. C. H. CARLISLE, PRESIDENT, DISCUSSES CURES FOR OUR PRESENT SITUATION

In his address to the Shareholders, the President, Mr. C. H. Carlisle pointed out that compared with the average value for the years 1935 to 1939, on general wholesale commodities and Canadian farm products "your dollar has depreciated in its purchasing value 45 per cent. This material loss, silently and unrelentingly incurred, is sustained by you and by all. Why has the purchasing value of your dollar decreased? Largely through the high cost of living, due principally to insufficient volume of production and higher costs of production."

Mr. Carlisle reviewed the facts of increased costs and lowered production in the building trade and in the coal, oil and transportation industries.

A report recently compiled by employers in sixty cities in the United States had shown that, as compared with 1940, building trades workers turn out 38 per cent less work per hour, on an average, get 76 per cent more pay, and material costs were up 93 per cent and still rising. In Canada the selling price

of a medium priced home was more than twice that of pre-war days. Production costs of mining in ten principal mines in Pennsylvania showed wage increases alone were 219.3 per cent more than in 1939. Oil production cost had also materially increased; and to replace a locomotive previously purchased for \$50,000 would now take almost four times that amount.

Illogical and Uneconomical

"The demand which has existed for many years, and is now enforced, for higher pay and less production is illogical, uneconomical, and adversely affects the welfare of all our people—and especially in progressive degree, as time goes on, of the workers themselves—and is largely the cause of our present inflation. The same tendency has of late become prevalent in the matter of executive salaries. Moderation and self-restraint are just as essential as in all other spheres."

Another cause of dollar depreciation was "the appalling and unnecessary loss due to strikes which adds multi-millions to your cost of living. It is difficult to comprehend why such losses should exist, as out of industry and production the employee draws his pay; the company its profits; the shareholder his dividends; the Government its taxes and the people their maintenance. Is it not crystal clear that the welfare of all depends upon co-operation?"

Labour A Powerful Influence

"It is encouraging to note that labour organizations are purging themselves of a radical, disturbing and destructive element. This accomplished, organized labour can be a powerful influence—and my thought is that it will be—in increasing production and reducing costs, thereby aiding in extending both domestic and foreign markets. Such co-operation would be collective development. The restoration of the value of your dollar depends almost entirely upon greater production and lower costs."

Subsidies do not decrease the costs to the people as a whole, said Mr. Carlisle. "A subsidy is not a gift by the Government. The Government passes this charge on to you. You pay the subsidy."

No Need to Socialize Our Banking System

Mr. Carlisle answered the reasons advanced by the Research Department of the C.C.F. for nationalizing the Chartered Banks, and continued:

"The Chartered Banks and their branches give an adequate service throughout Canada, even in sparsely settled localities. They give a foreign service wherever Canadians transact business. Rates are more stable than in most other countries. The Banks are free from political control. Our people have a greater protection and freedom of choice, as they have ten Banks from which to choose instead of one political, nationalized bank. What has socialization, untried as it is, to offer that one would choose to change from our present banking system?"

Referring to the sixty-one objectives enumerated by the C.C.F. Convention (Ontario Section) as its "First-Term Program," Mr. Carlisle said:

"While Government co-operation to attain certain of these results may be desirable and has, indeed, been given with increasing generosity over many years, this program is very elaborate and decidedly expensive. It is regrettable that no dependable estimate and, indeed, no estimate of any kind of its cost was made, nor is any plan mentioned showing how the money is to be provided to pay for the services suggested. This is really your job, Mr. Taxpayer, and it is quite a bill for you to pay. However, if this scheme were implemented, there would be many thousands of people now in a position to provide for themselves against adverse conditions and the necessities of old age, who would choose to become wards of the State."

Freedom the Greatest Wealth

"Freedom is the greatest wealth that one can possess. We in Canada do not fully appreciate it as we have not been deprived of it. Many nations that once were free are not free today. That freedom has been greatly restricted, or entirely blotted out,

by Socialism, Facism, Nazism or Communism. These different 'isms' differ in their operations, but they have one thing in common—regimentation. "Free people cannot exist where regimentation exists. There are certain groups of citizens residing in free countries who, with no disloyal intention believe in a state socialism, which is a state dictatorship, achieved by political means—the educational program, to quite an extent, being carried on through churches, schools, institutions of higher education and labour unions. The socialization which they advocate, wherever tried, has failed. It is contrary to the concept of free government.

Threat of Power Lust

"Throughout history there have been men who have had an inordinate lust for power. War was their weapon. The results, their own ruin, the misery of their people and the devastation of their country. Men of lust have not passed. The world is troubled with them today. The world's equilibrium and safety is in great danger. Russia is the principal factor in an attempt at world domination. Her plan is now quite apparent. It seems a waste of time to attempt to harmonize the ideologies of Communistic Russia with those of a democracy and free people. Lenin, in his statement of policy states: 'It is inconceivable that the Soviet Republic should continue to exist for a long period side-by-side with Imperialistic States. Ultimately one of the other must conquer'. And again, 'It is necessary to use any ruse, cunning, unlawful method, evasion, concealment of truth to serve Communistic ends.' These are the tactics used by Russia's boasted 12,000,000 Communistic organizers in different countries throughout the world. Russia's unwarranted use of the 'veto' prohibited the re-establishment and rehabilitation of the devastated countries. Her broken promises, her insulting and often untrue accusations of former allies, her increased military power, her looting of countries over which she had control and the building of military forces

in these countries, would not indicate that she is a friendly ally.

Our Military Weakness Again Makes War Possible

"We had full knowledge of Kaiser Wilhelm's ambitions for conquest. We knew the military preparations he had made. But, owing to our allies' and our own inaction and our military weakness, the first world war was made possible. Similar conditions caused the second world war—the ambition of conquest, the careful building of a strong military machine, the infiltration of well-trained spies and propagandists by which the countries under plan of attack were weakened and disorganized. Again, our military weakness made a second war possible.

"Are not our conditions today almost identical to those to which I have referred?"

World Shocked by Results of Communistic Intrigue

"We and the countries associated with us have not made adequate protection for ourselves in building a dominant military organization. If we were strong there would be no war arising out of the present conditions. Devastated countries would be reconstructed, their liberties restored and their people returned to normal conditions. The world is shocked at the results of Communistic propaganda and intrigue in Italy and France. It has brought these countries to the brink of Civil War, and is undermining their very existence.

"Communism or any other kind of 'ism' cannot give you the freedom and plenty you now enjoy. It is your privilege and duty as an individual to protect your freedom.

Foreign Exchange Position Acute

"The population of a country is the sum total of its individuals. It is they who, in a free country, choose their government and establish its policies. Today you have the privilege to act in common, whereby you will have the strength and power to choose between freedom and servitude."

THE DOMINION BANK

Condensed Statement as at 31st October, 1947

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks, including Bank of Canada....	\$ 64,331,826
Deposit with Minister of Finance.....	40,394
Government and Other Securities.....	138,803,838
Call Loans.....	8,445,633
Total Quick Assets.....	\$211,621,691
Commercial Loans and Discounts.....	131,352,952
Bank Premises.....	5,342,528
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Assets.....	12,207,499
	<u>\$360,524,670</u>
LIABILITIES	
Deposits.....	\$323,277,655
Deposits by other Banks.....	6,814,545
Notes in Circulation.....	677,444
Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Liabilities..	12,122,613
Total Liabilities to the Public.....	<u>\$342,892,257</u>
Capital Paid Up.....	\$ 7,000,000
Reserve Fund.....	10,000,000
Undivided Profits.....	632,413
	<u>\$17,632,413</u>
	<u>\$360,524,670</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1947, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made.....	\$2,441,201.02
Provision for depreciation of Bank Premises.....	214,766.12
	<u>\$2,226,434.90</u>
Provision for Dominion and Provincial Taxes.....	1,254,756.79
	<u>\$ 971,678.11</u>
Dividends at the rate of ten per cent per annum.....	700,000.00
Amount Carried Forward.....	\$ 271,678.11
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1946.....	1,560,735.08
	<u>\$1,832,413.19</u>
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Collegians Return 'Home For Christmas'



Miss Edith Benson will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of British Columbia next spring with a major in bacteriology. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Benson, Old Esquimalt Road, and has attended Esquimalt High School and Victoria College. She plans to arrive in Victoria next Thursday.



Miss Louise Lyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lyne, McNeill Avenue, will arrive in Victoria Wednesday. Before going to University of British Columbia, where she is a third-year arts student taking an honors course in mathematics and physics, she graduated from Oak Bay High School and attended Victoria College for two years.

Once again two weeks of parties and dances and a good time will follow the fall term of studies and last minute cramming for Christmas exams for university students who are making plans to spend the holiday season in Victoria.

Distance is no obstacle for students homeward bound at this season of the year.

Flying home from Montreal, where they are attending McGill University are Pamela and Anne Merston. The family reunion will be complete when their brother James arrives from Trinity College.

Miss Martha McCarter will come by plane from Stevens College, Missouri, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McCarter, Cadboro Bay Road, and will arrive Dec. 20. From Berkeley, on Dec. 21 where she is

taking post graduate work, comes Miss Gwen Shaw, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Shaw, Park Boulevard.

Miss Hilary Castle, at present attending Stanford University, will also arrive from California, on Friday, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Castle, St. Charles Street.

Another family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Despard Avenue, when their daughter Shirley returns from U.B.C. where she is a home economics student, and their son Peter returns from Veterinary College in Colorado.

WITH FRIENDS

Not all students are able to make the long trip home in the short vacation, so are planning to visit relatives and friends closer to their universities. Miss Margaret Jane MacIntosh, who begins her studies in London at the first of the year, will spend Christmas in Bloxham, Banbury Cross, Oxfordshire, with cousins of Commodore R. E. Agnew, O.B.E., R.C.N., of whom she is the guest while in England.

Miss Orrie Parris, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Parris, Island Road, will visit Mrs. F. H. Hadwen in Toronto, and will leave the day after Christmas to attend a conference of university students in Kansas, as delegate for Ontario Agricultural College.

Miss Isobel Clay, who is taking courses towards her physical education degree at McGill, will visit friends in Ottawa, while Mary and Ann Robertson, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Robertson, Lansdowne Road, hope to spend Christmas with relatives in Quebec City. Miss Elizabeth Holmes, a University of Toronto student, will visit her uncle, Dr. T. C. Holmes, who is head geologist in South Porcupine, northern Ontario. She

is the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. H. Cuthbert Holmes, Newport Avenue.

Closer to home, but just as anxious to be back as soon as possible, are students from U.B.C. Tuesday is last day of lectures for most students, so the next few days will see a great many of them arriving by plane or boat.

Among them will be Miss Beryl Nation, who will have as her guest at the home of her parents, Maj. and Mrs. H. T. Nation, Windsor Road, Miss Lib Cowley, whose parents, Air-Vice Marshal and Mrs. A. T. Cowley, are now living in Ottawa. Traveling with Lib and Beryl will be Misses Judy and Ann Dundas, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. R. S. Dundas, Island Road.

HOUSE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hobbs will also have a house-guest for a few days when their daughter, Barbara, arrives with Miss Gladys Johnson, formerly of Victoria, who is now living in Vancouver.

Miss Barbara Shaw, fourth-year commerce, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw, Victoria Avenue, plans to arrive Wednesday, as do Miss Mary Duncan, daughter of Mrs. L. H. Duncan, Roslyn Road; Miss Joyce Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkinson, Roslyn Road, and Miss Jean Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Oliver, Monterey Avenue.

Arriving on or before next week-end will be Miss Barbara Mae Lipsey, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lipsey, Burdick Avenue; Miss Dorothy Laidler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Laidler, Colville Road; Miss Pam Fraser, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Allan Fraser, Tarn Place; Miss Trudie McGill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McGill, Tattersall Drive; Miss Joyce Lytton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lytton, Ernest Avenue; Miss Shirley Gunn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Gunn, Victoria

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Marriott, 310 Irving Road, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Joyce Anne, to Gerald Jerome, younger son of Mrs. Mary C. McLellan of Medicine Hat, and the late Mr. R. H. McLellan of Amherst, N.S. The wedding to take place in Ottawa December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eastwood of 231 Ontario Street, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Viola Martha, to AB James Stevenson, of H.M.C.S. Crescent, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Stevenson, Calgary, Alberta. The wedding will take place on Friday, Jan. 16, 1948, at St. John's Church with Rev. George Biddle officiating.

Miss Louise Griffiths of Victoria, announces the engagement of her only daughter, Margaret, of Beaver Cove, B.C., to Mr. James Mitchell Fleming of Beaver Cove, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fleming of North Vancouver. The wedding will take place on December 27, 1947, at Christ Church, Alert Bay, B.C.

Mr. R. I. Grice of 702 Blanshard Street wishes to announce the engagement of his only daughter, Sheila Yvonne, to Mr. Albert Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davies, 212 Menzies Street. Wedding arrangements will be announced later.

Name On Honor Roll

Mr. R. J. Westgate, former city commissioner at Regina, and Mrs. Westgate, who are now living at 1632 Hollywood Crescent, Victoria, have received word that the name of their late daughter, Nursing Sister Marion M. Westgate, will be placed on the honor roll listing the names of the 186 students and graduates who were killed during the Second World War, in the Memorial Union Building, which is to be built soon at the Saskatchewan University in Saskatoon.

The late Sister Westgate will be the only woman whose name will appear on the roll. She was killed near Regina in an aircraft crash in 1943, when a training ship in which she was flying crashed into the ground, carrying the pilot and herself to their deaths.

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Christmas Reception At Government House

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Banks will be hosts at the annual December reception at Government House, Wednesday from 4 until 6 o'clock. Guests will be received in the state drawing-room and refreshments served in the ballroom. Aides-de-camp on duty for the occasion will be Brig. J. Sutherland Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Wing Cmdr. D.

D. Campbell, Col. J. R. Kingham, Col. R. L. Mitchell, Cmdr. Hugh Paterson, Lt.-Col. Brooke Stephenson, Capt. W. H. Molson, M.C.; Col. M. Turner, O.B.E.; Col. Hugh Allan, O.B.E., E.D.; Capt. J. G. Cromack, private secretary to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lieut. Gar Dixon, Maj. Carl Gonnason, M.C. honorary aide-de-camp to the Lieutenant-Governor will be unable to attend through illness.

United States Consul To Entertain At Club

Pre-holiday entertaining next week includes the after-five party next Thursday at which the United States Consul in Vic-

toria, Mr. J. Leo Callanan and Mrs. Callanan will entertain friends in the private reception room at the Union Club.

Round Of Holiday Parties

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris entertained friends today at an after-five party at their home, 720 Sea Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Olson were hosts to friends after-five, Friday evening, at their home on So-mass Drive.

Mrs. L. Knopp will entertain a few friends tomorrow at her Monterey Avenue home, in honor of Mr. Richard Featherstone and his fiancée, Mrs. Molly Valk, whose marriage will take place Tuesday.

Members of the staff of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Victoria will be guests at a pre-Christmas party tonight when Mr. D. N. Grubb, manager of the bank, and Mrs. Grubb entertain after-five at their home on Thompson Avenue.

Among visitors from Vancouver attending the Naval Ball at Royal Roads last night where their son Vernon is a senior cadet, were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. P. Morrison and their son, Gerald. They are week-end guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. R. H. Lowe and her little daughter Beverly Ann, will arrive from Vancouver on Sunday to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bumpus, 2276 Beach Drive. Mr. Lowe will join his family here before the holidays.

Hon. Gordon S. Wismer and Mrs. Wismer have issued invitations for a pre-Christmas reception in the Chintz Lounge at the Empress Hotel late Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday they will again entertain at a Vancouver reception in the social suite in Hotel Vancouver. On Friday they will leave for eastern Canada to spend Christmas with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gross, in Toronto. Their young son, Stewart, who is attending school in the east, will join them there.

Miss Olive Kirchin was hostess Thursday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Kirchin, 845 Princess Avenue, with a miscellaneous shower in honor of her sister, Miss Patricia Kirchin. Gifts were arranged under a decorated Christmas tree and after they were opened, a buffet supper was served. Guests were Mesdames H. Darley, G. Greene, F. Grey, A. Barnes, E. P. Miller, J. Melkie, W. Inkpen, Misses Amy Kirchin, Winnie Kirchin and Julie Inkpen.

Miss Mary Smith will be hostess Thursday afternoon at her home, 3060 Uplands Road, at an after-five cocktail party to honor Miss Betty MacEadie and her fiancée, Mr. Gordon Holmes, whose marriage takes place next Saturday. Guests will be Miss Mavis Hughes, Miss Frances Marshall, Miss Jean Mitchell, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Johny Smith, Miss Joan Thompson, Miss D. Holmes, Mr. Jack Jones, Mr. Paul Parizeau, Mr. Douglas Redgrave, Mr. Peter Trump and Mr. Les Walker.

Honoring Miss Evelyn Leckie a popular bride-elect, Miss Betty Norris and Miss Eileen Leckie entertained at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday, at the home of the former, 21 Oswego Street. Corsage bouquets of carnations were presented to the guest of honor, her mother, Mrs. G. Leckie, to the groom's mother, Mrs. F. Bridges, and to the bride-elect's grandmother, Mrs. A. Leckie. Guests included Mesdames D. Reynolds, C. Campbell, R. Norris, W. White, Jr., W. White, Sr., C. Rutledge, G. Rutledge, Z. Cooksley, R. Smith, A. Cunningham, A. Tripp, R. Fugh, N. Roth, J. Knott, I. Gibson, G. Jensen, L. Wooster, R. Stevenson, G. Allan, J. Wien, A. Ordano, the Misses E. Brown, B. Bradford, A. Murphy, J. Wien, S. Stevenson, Margaret and Jean Cunningham, M. Gibson, R. Ray, Ruby Craigie, Linda and Miriam Tripp.

Author Of Edmonton Story Has Many-Sided Interests

"It all started when I became inspired with the idea of an art show in the early years of the war, where I exhibited my paintings of old buildings in Edmonton," Mrs. O. J. Walker tells you when she tries to explain how she wrote "Fortress North," which has just been published by Thomas Allen of Toronto.

This clever Canadian author, in private life, Mrs. O. J. Walker, came to Victoria Friday on a short visit. She is the guest of Mrs. Norman Clark, Cedar Hill Road.

The late Mayor Fry of Edmonton, who opened the art exhibition she speaks of, suggested to Mrs. Walker that she write articles on some of the buildings she had painted.

From this casual suggestion the idea snowballed irrevocably toward its destination and soon Mrs. Walker found herself in the midst of a 419-page novel, including a large number of historical facts and references.

That was over four years ago. She gathered her material and wrote her story concurrently.

Sometimes she spent whole days at the provincial archives, or interviewing pioneer residents to gain more "atmosphere," then came home in the evenings to write another chapter, on the information she had gleaned.

"It's a good thing I had help in the house, or I think my husband would have starved," Mrs. Walker laughingly tells you now.

PAINTS AND WRITES

Along with the actual labor of creating and writing—she did the entire book in longhand—went her work of illustrating.

Putting her talents to the art she loves, Mrs. Walker headed each chapter with a line-art illustration, in addition to designing the colored jacket, frontispiece and detailed end maps of early Edmonton.

"The most enjoyable part of my work was in the wide acquaintance I made with people who supplied me with information and inspiration for the story," she says now.

These ranged from some of the oldest pioneers to several young Indian children with whom she talked for long hours. When she is home, Mrs. Walker lives in a charming Dutch colonial home in Garneau, on the same site as the house the French-Canadian who once owned all the land in that district of Edmonton.

"And I'm just romantic enough to still hope that sometime, perhaps while I'm gardening, I'll find one of the trading coins used by the H.B.C. factors before real money was circulated here," she tells you with a laugh.

Then she goes on to explain that her son, now grown and married, once came across such a coin in the garden—but before she realized it he had spent it for candy at the corner store, and no one was ever able to locate it again.

For the future, Mrs. Walker hopes to be able to devote more time to her music, "which has become very rusty during the last while" and, of course, to again take up her brush in pursuit of her art.

If she ever writes another book it will be about the Indians of the prairies and their adjustment to civilization today.



ELLA JACOBY WALKER

"It's a problem that has never really been solved," she says seriously, "and I'd like to give it a truly sympathetic approach." Mrs. Walker leaves again for Vancouver tonight, en route to her home in Edmonton.

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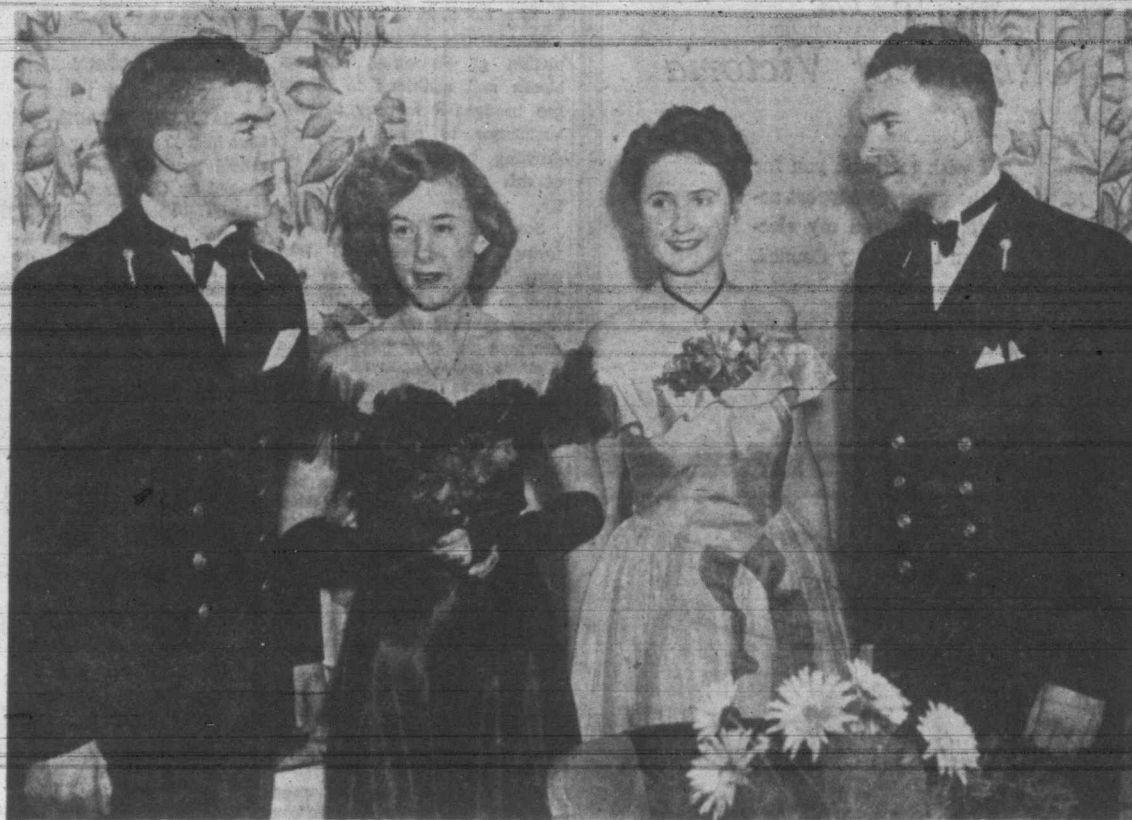
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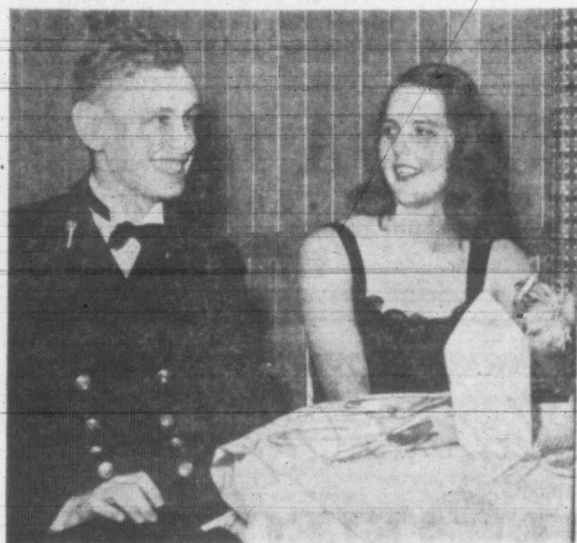
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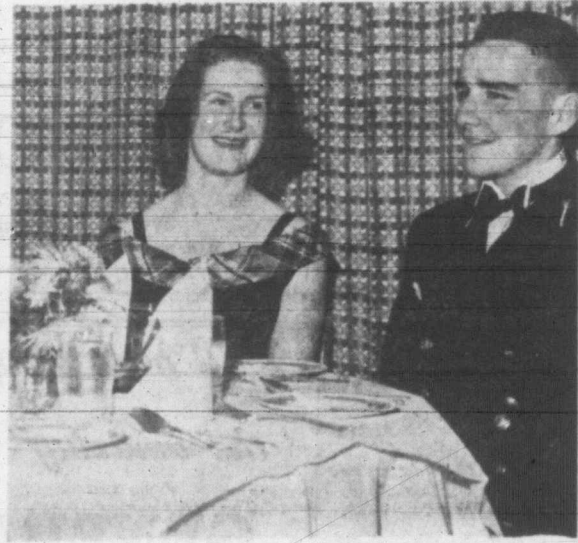
Prior to the dance, 40 senior cadets and their attractive partners gathered in the private dining-room at the Chez Marcel for dinner. Pictured above, at a table for six, were, left to right, seated, Cadet Alan Rowland, Miss Mary Gill, Cadet Walter Tilden and Miss Diana McPherson; standing, Miss Liz Hinton of Vancouver and Cadet Craig Balson.



Today, many cadets are leaving for their homes on the prairies and in eastern Canada to spend the holiday season with their families. Last night they enjoyed dancing on the quarterdeck of the cadet block at H.M.C.S. Royal Roads. Pictured above, left to right, are Cadet Walter Smith, Stratford, Ont.; Miss June Harrison, Miss Ruth Gray and Cadet Frank Costin, Duncan, V.I.



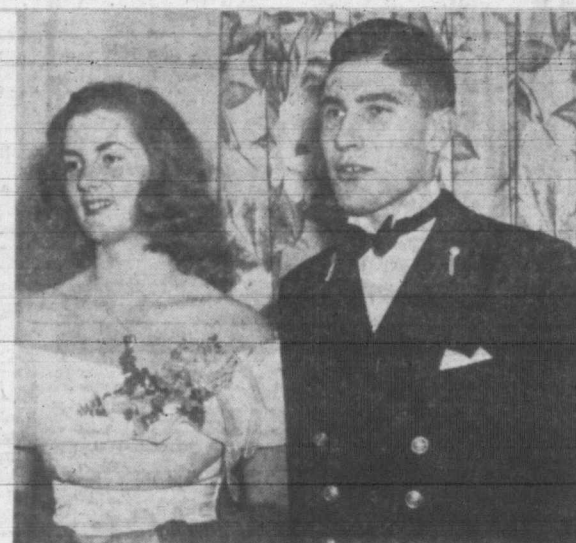
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Club Calendar

Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., meeting canceled for month of December.

Capital City Temple No. 35, Pythian Sisters, business meeting followed by Christmas party and musical entertainment, Tuesday at 8, K. of P. Hall, Cormorant Street.

Major John Hedden Gillespie Chapter, I.O.D.E., meeting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Speck, 629 Mount Joy, Tuesday at 8.

Native Daughters—Chief Factor Mrs. H. Corbett presided at a recent meeting of Post No. 3, Native Daughters of B.C. The Worthy Grand Factor, Mrs. A.

Jones and Grand Secretary, Mrs. Whiskers, were welcomed and presented with corsage bouquets of yellow and white flowers and carved trays of wood. During the business session a card party was planned for Jan. 14. Refreshments were served following the meeting by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. Davies, Miss H. Cruickshank and Miss B. Riddle.

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News of the Island

Qualicum Beach Gets Growing Permanent Population

QUALICUM BEACH — Completion of several business blocks and additions to others has brought a number of new businesses to serve the fast-growing permanent population of this former resort community.

Some of the newcomers are former prairie residents who have taken up farming or logging in the Qualicum district. A larger number are retired businessmen and their families from Victoria and Vancouver.

Businesses established in the townsite in recent months include a drug store, dry cleaning service, radio and electric shop, gift store, children's store, another hardware firm and a new dress shop. An antique shop, mecca of hundreds of tourists each year, has been enlarged. Establishment of a branch of the Bank of Commerce has brought full-time banking service instead of the twice-weekly service formerly supplied the community.

Two coffee bars and restaurants have opened recently. Establishment of a quick-freeze locker service has made frozen foods available for the first time in the district.

Just completed is a road through the newest subdivision which is bounded by the Island Highway, village road and golf links. Property in the subdivision went on the market earlier this year and nearly all was sold within a fortnight.

A new clubhouse for the Qualicum Beach Golf Club is expected to be finished early next year. The building will have an office and two rooms for the use of members.

Parkville Hears Kinsmen Head

PARKVILLE — Plans for the Dominion-wide Kinsmen Food for Britain Fund were told Parkville Kinsmen by Tony Hamilton, national chairman, of Vancouver. Kinsmen from Courtenay, Nanaimo and the Albernis attended the meeting at the Masonic Hall, here.

Norman Liebich, treasurer of the Parkville club, handed Mr. Hamilton a cheque for \$150, proceeds of two dances for the fund. Another dance in the series, arranged by Kinsmen, here, will be at the Errington Hall, Saturday.

Mr. Hamilton also received a cheque from Courtenay Kinsmen.

Cowichan Re-elects First Commissioner

LAKE COWICHAN — William F. Grosskleg, re-elected chief commissioner for the village of Lake Cowichan by acclamation Monday, was first elected commissioner in 1944 when the village was incorporated.

A native of Ontario, Mr. Grosskleg came to Lake Cowichan in 1914. He has been in the logging business since that time and is a partner in the firm of Grosskleg and Trueman Logging Co. Ltd.

His term of office will be for three years. Two other commissioners, whose terms do not expire yet, are Verne Weaver and Ralph Godfrey.

S. M. Wedd Elected Executive Vice-President Canadian Bank of Commerce



—Photo by Karth.

S. M. WEDD
Mr. S. M. Wedd, who has been elected executive vice-president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is a banker of over 40 years' experience, having served in several branches of the bank in Ontario and Quebec, later occupying the position of chief inspector from 1928 to 1937, when he was appointed an assistant general manager. In 1942 he took over the post of general manager. In 1944 he was elected a director and in 1945 a vice-president. During the latter part of the war years, when the Canada Bank Act was revised, Mr. Wedd was president of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

Island Mills Offer Farmers \$14.50 Cord For Pulp Wood

PARKVILLE — Board of Trade has received a letter from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association in which farmers clearing wooded acreage are offered \$14.50 a cord for pulp wood delivered at the mills.

A list of mills includes Bloedel, Stewart and Welch Ltd., at nearby Port Alberni which offers to take hemlock, spruce, balsam, Douglas fir and cedar.

"The immediate problem," writes the association, "is the business of devising means to get continuous supply of farmers' wood to the pulp and paper mills."

Viggo Eriksen was appointed by the board to gather economic data on the Parkville district following a request from the Department of Trade and Industry for its industrial index.

Annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be Jan. 12.

Luxton Teens Now Valley Variety Club

LUXTON — Teen-agers of Luxton and Happy Valley chose the name Valley Variety Club for their group at a meeting in Luxton Hall.

La-Col. W. Parker presented

Miss Margaret Mills and Miss Anne Maude Betts with prizes for the most suitable name. Miss Lots Potier was elected secretary on the resignation of Miss Shirley Williams. Initiation and presentation of membership cards will be held at the next meeting in Luxton Hall.

First F.M. Station

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's frequency modulation station in Vancouver, VESFG, Friday night went on the air for the first time. It is the only F.M. station in western Canada.



A PERSON YOU'LL BE GLAD TO SEE

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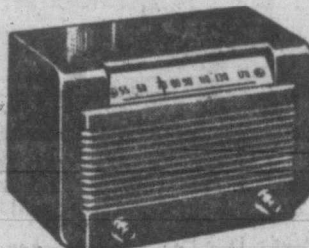
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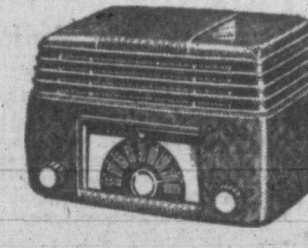
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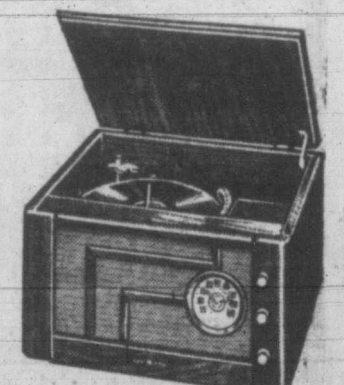


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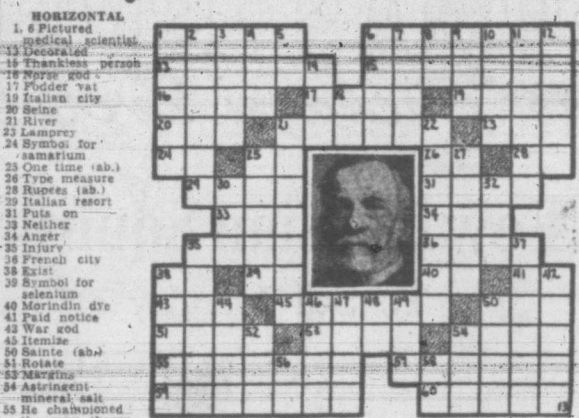
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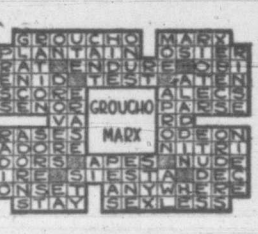
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Today's Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL
1. Pictorial
13. Decorated
18. Transient person
19. Norse god
20. Pictorial
21. Italian city
22. Seine
23. River
24. Symbol for
25. One time (ab.)
26. Type measure
27. Pictorial
28. Rupees (ab.)
29. Italian resort
30. Put on
31. Keltic
32. Answer
33. French city
34. Exist
35. Symbol for
36. Pictorial
37. Morindin dye
38. Paid notice
39. War god
40. Imitate
41. Sainte (ab.)
42. Rotate
43. Pictorial
44. Aspirin
45. He championed
46. The germ theory
47. Pictorial
48. Child's vehicle
49. Loaded
VERTICAL
1. Divine bird
2. Trying experience
3. Distinct part
4. John (Gaelic)
5. Street (ab.)
6. Street
7. Wild ox
8. Soldier
9. General (ab.)
10. Town (Cornish)
11. Facility
12. Bars
13. Stargazer
14. East (Fr.)
15. Symbol for
16. Tedium
17. Hazed
18. He contributed

(Answer to previous puzzle)



Imported Canned Fruits Held By Price Controls

OTTAWA (CP)—The Prices Board, noting that canned peaches, pears and plums may be imported into Canada under quota after Jan. 1, said Friday night that these canned fruits will be subject to price control just as are domestic varieties at present.

On Nov. 26 the Prices Board announced that canned peaches, plums and pears produced in

Canada, or imported prior to the importation ban Nov. 18, would be subject to price control along with canned peas, corn, green and waxed beans, tomatoes and tomato juice.

The price control includes a basic price which the canners can charge and fixed mark-ups—or margins of profit—for whole salers and retailers.

DUNDEE—Jute imports have dropped from 164,000 tons in 1939 to 71,000 this year, said a representative of the Harbor Trustees.

Cancer Pain Reliever Goes On Sale Monday

OTTAWA (CP)—Metopon hydrochloride, a new drug for relief of cancer pain, will be available Monday in Canada, Health Minister Martin said Friday night.

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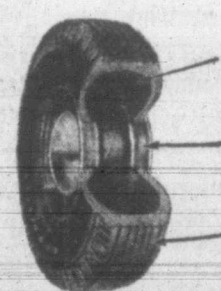
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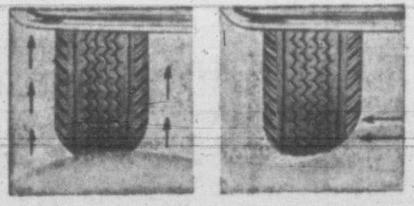


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More Production, Less Cost Needed, Says Bank President

Restoration of the value of the dollar depends almost entirely upon greater production and lower costs, according to C. H. Carlisle, president of the Dominion Bank, addressing shareholders at the annual meeting in Toronto this week.

Reviewing the increase in costs of various commodities and services in Canada, Mr. Carlisle pointed out the dollar had depreciated in purchasing value by 45 per cent since 1935-39.

The demand for higher pay and less production is illogical, uneconomical and adversely affects the welfare of the Canadians, he said. He also blamed strikes as another cause and urged co-operation to improve the welfare of the people.

He was encouraged, he said, to note labor organizations were purging themselves of radical, disturbing and destructive elements. When this was accomplished, he continued, labor could and would be a powerful influence in increasing production and reducing costs. Such co-operation would be collective development.

Subsidies do not decrease costs to the people as a whole as the taxpayer pays the subsidy.

Referring to the proposal of the C.C.F. to nationalize the chartered banks, Mr. Carlisle dealt in detail with the charges of monopoly, excessive power over monetary and credit policies, bank failures, huge assets, and went on to say "The chartered banks and their branches give an adequate service throughout Canada, give a foreign service wherever Canadians transact business, have more stable rates than in most other countries, are free from political control and provide freedom of choice among 10 banks. What has socialization, untried as it is, to offer that one would choose to change from our present system.

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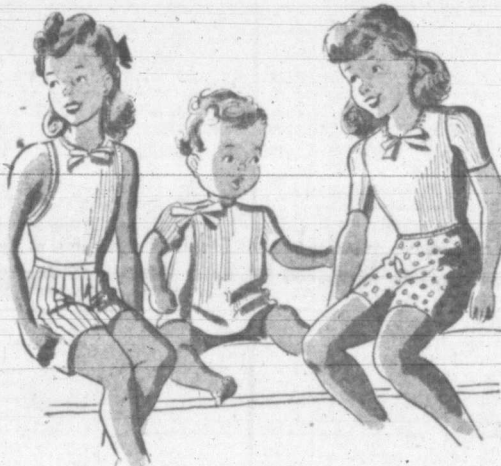
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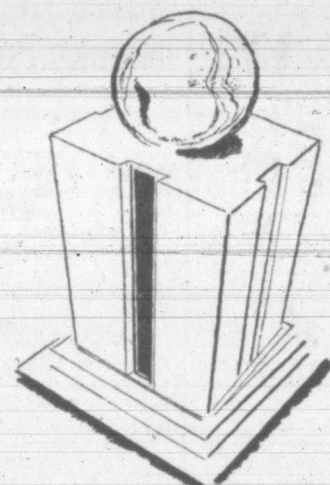
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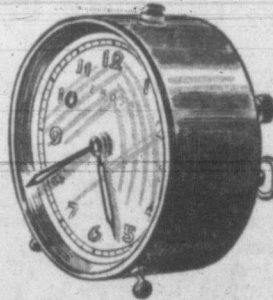
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Fraser Cafe, Intermediate A girls' basketball team, who last season won the Intermediate B championship of British Columbia, flew to the city today for tonight's cage battle at the High School gym against Wally Yeaman's Eaglettes at 8. K.V.'s will meet Y.M.C.A. in the senior A feature at 9 and Victoria College and First United Intermediate B cage squads will meet in the preliminary at 7. The visiting mainland team on the tarmac, from left to right: Joe Pearson, manager; Helen Pearson, Joan Hirschfield, Merle Atkinson, Eileen Crane, assistant coach; Ruth Martensen, Louis North and Harry McKnight, coach; on steps, top to bottom, front row, Edith Augustine, Adela Payer, Evelyn May, Svea Anderson; on steps, top to bottom, back row, Doreen Frey, Pat Swanson, Shirley Bushey, Lorraine Webber, T.C.A. personnel, left to right, D. Findlay, D. Willows and Capt. J. Buchanan.

Walcott Charges Louis Handing Him 'Brush-off'

NEW YORK (AP)—A new Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott battle was building up to an impasse today in the negotiations for a return bout between the heavyweight boxing champion and the challenger.

Injecting a new note in the controversy over the split decision Jersey Joe lost to Louis a week ago, this latest develop-

ment grew out of a war of words across New York's Eighth Avenue fight capital.

Shortly after Louis, indicated at a press conference in the Twentieth Century Club that the light-heavyweight titleholder, Gus Lesnevich, might be an acceptable opponent for Joe's "last bout," Walcott charged that he was being given the "brush off."

Louis, apparently mindful of earlier warnings from the Walcott camp that Jersey Joe would be satisfied with nothing less than a 30-per-cent cut from a return match, raised the Lesnevich angle.

Deriding Walcott by claiming that Lesnevich was a "more dangerous" puncher, Louis intimated that Gus had at least as good a chance as Walcott of getting the title shot. The champion insisted, however, that it was the promoter's job and not his to make the matches.

Then Joe added: "I'd rather fight the one who draws the most money. I must get 40 per cent in June. I don't care what per cent the challenger gets, that's up to the promoter."

Lesnevich let it be known in no uncertain terms last summer that he wanted no part of a fight with Louis.

WORCESTER, Mass.—Tony Genovese, 148, Boston, outpointed Young Tiger Flowers, 150, Worcester, 8.

John Geisser Star As Vic High Cagers Trounce Mount View

Victoria High School's House Two cagers moved into a second-place deadlock with Mount Douglas High in the interhigh senior basketball loop yesterday, trouncing Mount View, 33 to 16. Only game remaining on the first-half schedule will bring together Houses One and Four in the feature match of a three-game card Thursday. A win for the latter would put them in sole possession of second place, but a victory for House One would cause a four-way tie for the runner-up spot.

Losers made their shots count in the first quarter to hold a slim 10 to 9 lead, but in the last three sessions, the city squad gained the majority of the play. House Three were ahead, 17 to 12, at the halfway mark, and outscored Saanichites, 12 to 4, in the third canto. In the final, Mount View was held off the score sheet, while Vics rapped in four points.

Chick Geisser and Jimmy John led House Two with 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Pat Alair and Doug Betts divided 12 for losers.

Teams and scores follow: House Two—Hudson 6, Geisser 14, Knott, John 13, Hendry, Henderson, Harrison, Grieve.

Mount View—Alair 6, G. MacArthur, Milligan 2, Lange, Watson 2, Betts 6.

Skeet, Trap Shoots Tomorrow, Dec. 21 At Goldstream Park

The Goldstream Park clubhouse site of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association will be the scene of Christmas shoots tomorrow and the following Sunday, Dec. 21.

The club's skeet and trap ranges were completed just prior to the opening of the 1947 hunting season and the December meets are the first clay-pigeon breaking competitions to be held on the layouts.

Shooting will open at 10 in the morning each day. Ray Sel reported and the meets will also be open for the public to participate. Competitions will continue until dusk. Featuring the meet will be trap and skeet contests, but 22 rifle marksmen and archers will also be seen in action.

INTERHIGH RUGBY
Victoria High Greens took over second place in the interhigh junior rugby loop yesterday when they won by default from Esquimalt High. Final league game will bring together Vic High Reds and V.H.S. Greens Tuesday.

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Sports Washed Out

Sports fixtures carded for enclosed parks in the Victoria area today and tomorrow, have been canceled because of rain and wet grounds, W. H. Warren, parks administrator, announced today.

Major sports washed out today included the soccer games billed for Athletic Park and the test rugby match scheduled for MacDonald Park.

The junior and juvenile Canadian grid finals scheduled for Central Park tomorrow will be played but the soccer game between Oak Bay and Esquimalt has been canceled.

Oak Bay juveniles will play St. Louis College Bobcats in the first game of the double-header grid finals at Central at 1 for the right to meet Vancouver Grenlins for the B.C. championship here New Year's Day.

Second game will pit "Y" Bears against Oak Bay Gobblins in a sudden death affair for the junior football championship and the right to represent the city in the B.C. playdowns against the mainland champions, Vancouver Meralomas, here New Year's Day.

Three basketball games are also on deck at the High School gym tonight.

Watson's, Harknett's Take Bowling Honors

Harknett Fuel and Watson's Men's Wear are first-half champions of the Commercial Tenpin and Gibson's Senior Tenpin Bowling Leagues. The fuelmen wound up their schedule this week with a record of 30 wins in 39 games. The clothiers, with just one week to play, have a four-game edge over Toggery Shop and cannot be overtaken.

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

FAMILIAR with the problem Victoria rugby officials are facing this season in attracting any kind of a crowd to senior league matches, Pat Heinekey, a former player both here and in his native South Africa, writes in to offer some constructive criticism of the present-day play and suggest a possible remedy. Although 30 years have elapsed since Heinekey performed on the rugby fields of this city he comes up with some interesting comment and his ideas could encourage better play and create more interest in the game.

HE WRITES: "There appears to me to be very few players here who thoroughly understand the finer points of the game as related to the various positions on the field. They also have difficulty figuring out the play according to the conditions of the weather, field, etc., on the day of play. There is no doubt plenty of good material in Victoria if the boys were taught and coached in the fundamentals of the sport. It would appear the present idea is for each individual player to try to get hold of the ball and then attempt to either bull it along or kick it wildly, and too often into touch. Such is poor play and uninteresting and boring to the spectators.

PROPERLY PLAYED rugby is not dangerous, as many people believe, and is an interesting and exciting game from the standpoint of the fans. To my mind the present-day style of play could be eliminated by teaching the players that they should perform as a team unit and not as individuals. Furthermore, there should be more scrum kicking, high punting and follow-up play, scrum-wheeling and closer footwork. Such play opens up the game and generally brings the three quarters into action. The lack of knowledge regarding the position of men on the field when on defensive or offensive play is also very noticeable.

AS A REMEDY I would suggest that the schools and colleges, which are the logical place to learn, encourage the students by having competent persons instruct along with any other athletes interested in rugby, by blackboard diagrams and lectures to be followed by field demonstrations. If such lectures were properly conducted I am certain that the brand of rugby football in Victoria would improve greatly within a very short time. I would also like to express myself as being opposed to the new substitution rule and also against the Northern Rugby League rules which call for teams of 12 aside."

ARCHIE McKINNON may be recognized as one of Canada's outstanding athletic coaches, but to one tiny Victorian he is infinitely more. On Wednesdays, McKinnon directs special swim classes for very small citizens at the "Y". On those occasions he wears the customary Flying Y red sweat shirt and trunks. Which may account for the reaction of the little girl who wandered to the pool edge, saw the instructor, and in wild excitement urged her elder sister: "Tell him I want a doll that has eyes that open and close. And where's his whiskers?"

'Old Guard' Of New York Rangers Together Again



Although they have put on added poundage and their hair is streaked with grey, three of the hockey players grouped with Lester Patrick on the ice at Madison Square Garden during the recent celebration of "Lester Patrick Night," will be remembered by Victoria fans. From left to right: Bun Cook, Ching Johnson, Bill Cook, Patrick, Taffy Abel and Frank Boucher. The Cook brothers played at the old Willows Arena as members of the Saskatoon Sheiks the last season major hockey held forth in the Pacific northwest. Boucher, manager and coach of the Rangers, played in the same circuit as first-string centre for the Vancouver club. Johnson is the big defence star whom Lester attempted for many years to lure to the coast from Minnesota amateur competition. It was not until the Rangers went after him that Johnson would turn pro.

Honolulu Football Players In Court On Betting Charge

HONOLULU (AP)—The star halfback of the Pacific Coast League professional football champion Hawaiian Warriors, 13 teammates and an ex-teammate will appear in district court today to answer a charge of betting on themselves in a game that brought them the title.

Halfback Melvin Abreau, Honolulu, the league's leading ground gainer who was named his team's most valuable player, and the others are charged with "betting on an athletic contest," conviction of which carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine and a year in jail.

The 15 huskies appeared at police headquarters nervous and subdued Friday and made bonds ranging from \$50 to \$100 each.

Detective Captain Eugene Kennedy, who began an investigation Tuesday, signed the charges alleging they pooled \$6,700 of their own money to bet on last Sunday's title-deciding game with the Los Angeles Bulldogs.

Kennedy said they bet they would lead the Bulldogs by seven points at the half and would win the game by 14 points. They won the first part of the bet, he added, but the bulk of their money was lost when the final score was 7 to 6. Kennedy said there was no evidence of bribery.

A reliable source who declined to be quoted by name said the betting incident came to light because one of the better-players became angry and talked.

Soccer Lecture Draws Good Crowd

Popularity of soccer in the city was demonstrated last night when a large crowd of enthusiasts turned out at the Liberal headquarters to hear Bill Thorne, former Aston Villa star, lecture on the finer points of the game. Thorne pointed out that team play and proper positional training are two of the most important factors in soccer. Temperament of players is also another point that is often overlooked, he said.

Tonight Thorne will give another lecture and blackboard talk while tomorrow morning at 10 at Central Park he will conduct the third of his soccer schools. Managers attending the school are asked to bring footballs.

Demaret Holds 2-Stroke Lead In Miami Open Golf

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Jimmy Demaret, the crooning Texan who is ending his best year of golf, led the field in the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament by two strokes at the halfway point today.

With the fastest competition in the 24-year history of the event narrowed to the top 66 pros and 10 amateurs, the smiling Demaret with 132 for 36 holes had his closest company in persistent Eud Furgol of Detroit at 134. Two over par 72 yesterday for a 137 total was Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., and two amateurs,

Improving Rangers Hook Up With Leafs

Toronto Maple Leafs start the week-end National Hockey League grind in the comforting knowledge that even if the worst comes to worst, they'll still be on top of the standings Monday. That's because Leafs hold a five-point advantage over Boston and Detroit, tied for second.

You think that means the Leafs are rolling along methodically and hoping nothing happens? Not so. They take every game as it comes, and they're always figuring on the future.

Managing director Conny Smythe is already letting slip remarks about the Leafs of 1948-49. He's not talking in details just keeping the pot boiling with his familiar talk of youth and strength. And if it doesn't bring any more than a "so what" from rival coaches, it at least keeps the Leafian troops on the hop. And that's the main idea.

Tonight the Leafs take on the New York Rangers, who have climbed into a fourth-place tie with Montreal Canadiens. That rise on the part of the New Yorkers was mainly because they've had the Indian sign on Canadiens all season, winning four out of five against Mont-

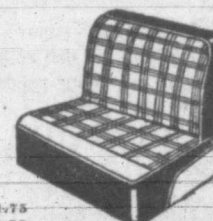
PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Sullia, 126½, Philadelphia, outpointed George Knox, 130, Newark, N.J., 8.

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Basketball Enjoys Uplift In Dominion

Since the Santa Claus who visits good little hockey and football players still shuns the gymnasiums, it must be the lure of the Olympics that helped bring out the basketballers in force for what shapes up as the biggest Canadian hoop season in years.

Officials in most centres report player interest at near record peaks. They were sorry they couldn't say the same for the spectators, however, so the game remains as amateur as it was in 1891 when Dr. James Naismith, a native of Smiths Falls, Ont., originated it from soccer by elevating a couple of peach baskets.

The Canadian Basketball Association, charged with naming the team for the summer games in London, hasn't completed selection plans. But Laury Irwin, association president, said in Toronto that tentative plans call for trials in Toronto next May and the Dominion's representative will probably be a combination of the two teams making the best showing, rather than an all-star team.

FINISHED SECOND

On the basis of the last Olympics, Canada can look forward to whatever team is chosen making a strong bid for points. In the 1936 games at Berlin, the Canadian team finished second among the 22 countries, winning five starts before losing, 19 to 8, to the United States.

Although both expected to make a bid for the Olympic spot, last year's two Dominion finalists aren't engaging in league play this season. The Canadian champion Vancouver Maroons, now known as the Clover Leafs, made arrangements for an exhibition tour of the Philippines and Cuba while Windsor Assumption, eastern champions, also will play exhibition games only, mainly against U.S. teams. Windsor has organized another quintette to take Assumption's place in C.A.B.A. playoffs, however, while British Columbia, winner of 15 Dominion titles in 25 years of east-west competi-

tion, still will have some 11 senior A teams, 17 senior B and a host of others.

SENIOR LOOKS POPULAR

In Montreal, seven teams wanted to enter the senior league this season and they had to hold a pre-season tournament to cut the number down to a more widely four. In Saint John N.B., where one senior club played last season, there were indications there would be five by the Dec. 15 registration date.

Five-team senior leagues are under way in Toronto and Ottawa while Hamilton and Niagara Falls each have senior entries. Edmonton has six senior quintettes and there are four-team leagues in Winnipeg, Quebec City and Three Rivers, Que.

There were indications of some spectator revival, even though few cities have a decent place to house the crowds. Montreal averaged 1,200 at opening weekly doubleheaders, Ottawa tried its hockey coliseum last season and crowds of 3,000 responded while thousands turned out to University of New Brunswick home games in the big Lady-Beaverbrook gymnasium at Fredericton.

India Puts On 188 In Test Cricket

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuter)—Australia had 38 minutes batting after dismissing India for 188 on the second day of the second cricket test match here today, and they scored 28 runs for loss of W. A. Brown's wicket in that time.

On a drying wicket, India struggled for runs and were saved from being dismissed cheaply by D. G. Phadkar, one of their leading bowlers, who scored 51, and G. Kishenchand, who put on 70 runs at a rate of more than a run a minute for the seventh wicket.

With the week-end weather forecast uncertain, and rain promised for early next week, Australia may still have difficulty in reaching the Indian total.

Williams Hands Heavier-Pellone Terrific Beating

NEW YORK (AP)—Tough Tony Pellone figures he is a lucky man.

The 10-round beating the Greenwich Villager received from the mits of lightweight champion Ike Williams last night saved him from the unpleasant prospect of meeting Sugar Ray Robinson, who had earlier indicated he would take Tony on in a welterweight title joust.

Pellone was no match for Trenton Ike. Of the 30 rounds scored by the three officials, Williams got 28. Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Joe Angello voted it 10-0 for Williams, while Judge Harold Barnes gave two rounds to Pellone and the rest to Ike. The Associated Press score card showed eight for Williams, one for Pellone and one even.

WAS SLOWED DOWN

Williams, operating at 139 3/4 pounds to Pellone's 145 1/4 for this non-title scrap, said the extra weight he had put on "slowed me down at the start."

Williams is scheduled to defend his crown at the Garden Jan. 16 against Philadelphia Bob Montgomery, whom he knocked out last summer for an undisputed claim to the title.

Pellone was a sad sight toward the end of the one-sided fray, bleeding from eye, nose and mouth and sustained only by his fighting heart. Williams, who entered the ring a 5 to 11 favorite, tried to measure his heavier opponent repeatedly in the ninth and 10th rounds, but couldn't put him down.

Capt. Angus Walters Seeks \$15,000 In Suit For Libel

HALIFAX (CP)—Capt. Angus Walters, salty veteran of the international fishermen's races, declared in Supreme Court yesterday that he would never "sink so low as to curse the Lord for something that He had nothing to do with" as his application for assessment of damages in a \$15,000 libel suit against Hearst Publications Inc. was heard.

The skipper of the lost schooner Bluecone claimed that an article in Hearst's Cosmopolitan of October, 1946, said he was held up to scorn in his home town of Lunenburg, N.S., because he cursed God when a woman took the wheel of the famous racing craft during a visit to Chicago in 1933.

Contrary to the article, he said he had scorned the ancient sea superstition that a woman should never be allowed to take the wheel of a ship. On his barnstorming trip through the Great Lakes 14 years ago the passengers "got a kick out of being able to say they had steered the Bluecone."

The Hearst interests were not represented at the hearing and Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm announced that he would file decision later.

V.H.S. Teams Top Girls' Cage Loop

Winning all their games, Victoria High Blacks captured first-half honors in the interhigh senior girls' cage loop. Vic High Golds wound up in second place as a result of their handy 43 to 14 win over Mount View High yesterday.

Gold's held a 20 to 10 lead at the breather, and outscored losers, 23 to 4 in the second half. Cathy Kennedy potted 22 points for winners.

Teams and scores follow: V.H. Golds-Mason 11, Kennedy 22, Nixon 10, Giddy, Hudson, Walter, Simpson, Smith. Mount View-Atherton 8, Whitley, Frank 6, Fraser, Richmond, Orpwood, Krenshaw.

Carnet Bowling

Results of matches in the Capital City and District Carpet Bowling League follow: Sherwood 26, Willows Park 15; Willows Park 20, C.C.F. 14; Beadles 22, Friars 18; Willows Park 23, Mount Talmie 15; Friars 19, Rangers 18; Beadles 18, C.C.F. 15; Willows Park 18, Friars 17; Beadles 21; Willows Park 17.

Fight Results

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Buddy Jaculich, 129½, San Francisco, TKO. Chuey Feguerroa, 134½, Los Angeles, 10. SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Rueben Rivers, 132, Mexicali, Mexico, outpointed Eddie Hudson, 132, Los Angeles, 10.

Blocked Out



Detroit Red Wing Ted Lindsay, right, blocks out Alex Kaleta as Chicago Black Hawk Doug Jackson reaches for the puck on the Chicago Stadium ice. Hawks were belted by the Detroit club 9 to 3.

One Goal Tonight Will Give Canucks Ice Mark

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver Canucks today hold half of the American Amateur Hockey Association longest consecutive non-shut-out record and tonight, tangling with San Francisco Shamrocks in the Golden Gate city, they will be out for the mark's sole ownership.

The Canucks tied the 165-game, five and a half-year-old record in Berkeley, Calif., last night but went down 9 to 2 before Oakland Oaks in a Pacific Coast Hockey League engagement.

The other part-owners, Baltimore Orioles, set the record between Nov. 15, 1939, and Jan. 17, 1942, in the Eastern Amateur Hockey League.

Certainly one of the longest if not the longest non-shut-out record in Canadian hockey history, the skunk started when the Canucks were formed by Coley Hall in 1946.

Paul Thompson, ex-Chicago Black Hawk coach held the reins for the first two years of the team's existence. In the first year his team reached first place and captured the league's northern division championship after a bitter five-game final with Portland Eagles.

WON U.S. TITLE

It took the league championship series 4 to 1 from Los Angeles and then engaged Boston Olympics for the senior amateur hockey championship of the United States, finally winning four games to three.

In all, Canucks played 75 games that year.

In 1946-47 the Vancouver club finished third in the same division and ran Portland to four games before being forced out of the semifinals.

This year the Canucks, under Mac Colville, ex-New York Ranger are again in third place and in their annual swing of the southern division.

The team will be all out tonight to get at least one counter past the Shamrock goalie and maybe enough to win.

Interhigh Teams Wind Up Schedules

As next week is the last of the 1947 school term, the interhigh junior rugby and basketball schedules will close out and the senior cagers will wind up first half play.

A novel program has been lined up at the High School gym, Thursday, when a three-game set will be staged. In the opener, Vic High's Blacks and Golds will battle for top place in the junior cage circuit, and the senior game will bring together Houses I and IV of the senior loop. Middle game will bring together the Victoria High teachers' squad and the V.H.S. Students' Council quintette.

Complete list of games for the week follow:

MONDAY Junior basketball—Oak Bay vs. Esquimalt at Oak Bay; Mount View vs. V.H. Golds at Mount View. TUESDAY Junior rugby—V.H. Reds vs. V.H. Greens at Victoria High. THURSDAY Junior basketball—V.H. Blacks vs. V.H. Golds at Victoria High. Exhibition basketball—V.H. Teachers vs. V.H. Students' Council at Victoria High. Senior basketball—House One vs. House Four at Victoria High.

Jackie Robinson Referees Wrestling

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Baseball star Jackie Robinson is going on the wrestling circuit, but only as a referee. The California Athletic Commission granted the negro athlete a license Friday and promoter Cal Eaton announced that Robinson would make his debut here Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Mrs. W. J. Cummings was the winner of the turkey competition at the Uplands Golf Club Friday with a net score of 79. Another competition will be held next week.

Torchy Torrance Solidly Behind Coast Loop Plan

NEW YORK (AP)—Roscoe (Torchy) Torrance, an effervescent little guy with the Pacific Northwest in his blood and baseball in his head, was in town doing his best to try to convince the major leagues that the Coast League has outgrown short pants.

He wasn't successful, but the major league status wasn't quite as discouraging as it has been, and he seemed satisfied. The "no" had a sugar coating this time.

Torchy is executive vice-president of the Seattle Rainiers, and he admits himself he was the last to fall in line when the other Coast League clubs started clamoring for major status. He's not only in line now. He's practically leading the parade, along with Clarence (Pants) Rowland, the ever-optimistic Coast League president.

He admits he doesn't expect the Coast League to be able to make its big uplift movement overnight, and announce at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning "we're a major league." He realizes all the problems involved, but he doesn't see any as insurmountable.

ENLARGE SEATTLE PARK

He isn't worried about his own club's ability to cut the cake as a major league club, speaking from an attendance and financial standpoint.

"Our park, which we think is the best minor league park, seats about 15,000 people," he explains. "We are going ahead with plans to increase that to about 35,000. We can pay major league salaries. In fact, we do. As for traveling expenses, it costs us about \$39,000 a year now, with the long hauls we have. That's more than it costs the Yankees."

Regina Caps Turn Back Stampeders

CALGARY (CP)—Pouring in three goals in the third period after Calgary Stampeders had roared back to tie the count 3 to 3 in the middle session, a fighting band of Regina Caps Friday night triumphed 6 to 3 before 5,200 fans at Victoria Arena to regain a share of top place in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League.

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Alcos Edge Students For Fifth Cage Win Of Season

The once-defeated Alcos of the senior B cage league stayed within striking distance of the leaders last night as they held off a determined band of Chinese Students to cop the feature tilt of the three-game card, 54 to 51.

Eagles and K.V.'s share the league leadership, each with six victories, K.V.'s having suffered one defeat and Eagles none. Alcos are third with five wins in six starts, with Navy fourth with a four and two record.

Last night's game was one of the roughest of the season, with Students and Alcos picking up 39 fouls in the fray, Alcos being the worst offenders with 20.

Paced by Duncan Lee, Students took a three-point lead in the first quarter to go ahead of the eventual winners, 14 to 11. Alcos rallied in the second period to take a 26 to 24 edge at the intermission.

The hotly played third canto saw teams break even on the score sheet, with Alcos maintaining their two-point edge at 44 to 42. A couple of set-ups by Bud French and Bhagat Singh with three minutes left to play gave Alcos a 54 to 47 margin. Students came back with a field goal and a pair of free shots in the final moments, but fell three points short of tying the score.

TOP SCORERS

Don Hall with 15 points and Larry Booth with 13 topped the winners' scoring parade, while Duncan Lee with 15, Leung with 13 and Wally Lee with 12 paced the Students.

In preliminary games K.V.'s Juniors defeated Dominions, 30 to 24, and Canadian Legion midgebs bounced K.V.'s Royal Arcanum, 15 to 6.

Teams and scores follow: Alcos-Hall 15, Singh 4, Joyce 1, Ireland 2, French 1, B. Clarkson 1, Booth 13, Ellis 5. Chinese Students-D. Lee 15, Leung 13, John 6, W. Lee 12, W. Derr, Lowe 2, Fong 1, T. Derr, Mar. K.V.'s-Rowe 7, McIntosh 8, Robertson 4, Hudson 6, Bamford, Harkins, Harth, Naylor 5.

Dominions-Trinkle 7, Hill 2, J. Clarkson 1, Plazek 6, Tolson, Cation 4, Kennedy 2. Canadian Legion-Welch 1, Sillars, Jackson, Hodges, Garner 4, Bertrand 1, Saunders, Lawson 2.

K.V.'s Royal Arcanum-Bray 2, Green, Brown, Fillion 1, Culepper 1, Hollingworth 1, Davies 1, Hampton, Harrison.

BOSTON—Livio Minelli, 146, Italy, TKO. William Odom, 144, Chicago, 8.

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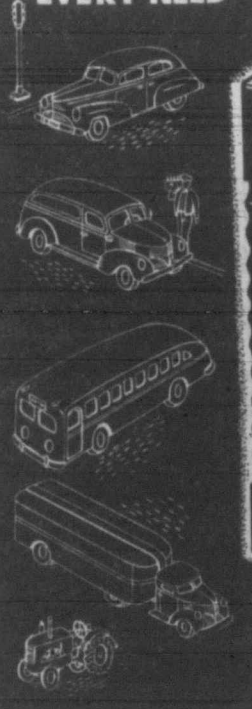
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Early Rain Hampers Elections Today In 3 Municipalities

Voting got off to a slow start in the municipalities of Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt, and municipal elections officers are forecasting the day will end with a light vote despite the fact the voting lists have increased in all three.

In Saanich, as in the other two municipalities, heavy rain early in the day discouraged would-be voters, but those intending to get in a vote are expected at the polling booths later today.

Saanich voting list this year is 12,800, an increase of 1,000 over 1946. Oak Bay has 4,959 voters listed, a 200, and Esquimalt has 2,205, listed a 250 increase.

Saanich voters have the most to decide with their vote. In addition to selecting two councillors and a school board trustee, they are voting on a sewer by-law and three referendums, including the questions of re-instituting the Public Library service for the municipality, a proposed \$40,000 extension to the Municipal Hall and establishment of a metropolitan water board.

Oak Bay voters are selecting four councillors and are voting on a water board referendum as well.

Esquimalt voters are selecting three councillors, but not on a water board referendum as the municipality owns no water distributing system.

E. H. Luney, 350 King George Terrace, reported to city police this week that two 16-inch white, sidewall tires were stolen from his car while it was parked on Yates Street between Quadra and Vancouver at night time.

4 Conservative Ministers Resign From Hart's Coalition Cabinet

Resignations of Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb, leader of the Progressive Conservatives in British Columbia, along with three Conservative cabinet ministers from Premier John Hart's Coalition government was seen today as a formality.

Trade and Industry Minister L. H. Eyres, who is also Minister of Railways, said today that he had submitted his resignation to Mr. Anscomb who in turn had given it to Mr. Hart. The other resigning ministers are Works Minister E. C. Carson and Municipal Affairs Minister R. C. MacDonald. Mr. Eyres was the only one of the four ministers in his office at the Parliament Buildings today.

Mr. Eyres said that other members of the cabinet, who are Liberals, were also preparing their resignations. It is a formality that cabinet ministers resign when the Leader resigns so that the new premier will be able to choose his own ministers.

Mr. Hart is scheduled to resign before Christmas and recommend Byron I. "Boss" Johnson, Victoria-born M.L.A. for New Westminster, who was chosen Wednesday as Mr. Hart's successor as provincial Liberal leader.

The resignations of the four Conservative ministers are to take effect at the time Mr. Hart himself resigns.

BACK COALITION

Mr. Eyres said that in all his travels of British Columbia he had heard nothing but strong support for the Coalition government.

The Progressive Conservatives, however, three weeks ago gave Mr. Anscomb a free rein to decide for the party whether Coalition should continue or not when Mr. Hart's successor takes over.

A Canadian Press dispatch reported that a Progressive Conservative Party official had said it was most likely Coalition would be continued and added that "all rumors to the contrary can be discounted."

According to the C.P. Mr. MacDonald had said the resignations were "in order that there should be nothing in the way of whoever is to have the next government selecting his own cabinet."

ANSOMB SILENT

Mr. Anscomb has declined to discuss his attitude toward continuation of the Coalition following Mr. Hart's announcement in Vancouver Wednesday that he would recommend Mr. Johnson to the Lieutenant-Governor as the next premier.

Mr. Anscomb said:

"I am prepared to discuss the matter of the future—if any—of the Coalition with the new Liberal leader."

The fate of the government, therefore, is dependent on discussions which will probably be held in Victoria next week.

Mr. Anscomb's formal letter to the premier said:

"In view of your recent public declaration that you propose to retire in the immediate future, and in accordance with the usual constitutional practice, I hereby tender my resignation—as well as those of my colleagues—to the Coalition cabinet—to take effect at the same time as your own."

"May I express my appreciation of your many courtesies during the period I have been associated with you in the Coalition cabinet and the hope that you will long be spared to enjoy a well-earned retirement."

Pemberton, Holmes Celebrate 60th Birthday Of Start



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Members of the staff of Pemberton, Holmes Ltd. with their husbands and wives to the number of 60 gathered Friday evening in the Princess Louise Room of the Empress Hotel for cocktails followed by dinner in the Duke of Kent Room to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the pioneer realty firm.

Founded in 1887 by Joseph Despard Pemberton and his son, Frederick B. Pemberton, J.P., the firm has grown to major proportions in the life of the fast-growing community and has played an active part in the settlement in this area of families from all parts of the world.

H. Cuthbert Holmes, now serving a third term as president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, thanked the staff for their efforts in making the past year outstanding in the firm's history.

Philip D. P. Holmes, great grandson of J. D. Pemberton, proposed the toast to the King and H. M. Hall replied to the presidential address paying tribute to the memory of the late F. B. Pemberton. Edgar C. Rossiter, secretary-treasurer, spoke briefly on behalf of the employees.

In his presidential address Mr. Holmes referred to the fact that 16 members of the staff had seen active war service, four of whom had served in both wars. He also stressed the heavy responsibility of the realty firm in all its dealings with its clients.

"The client should receive the utmost value for every dollar invested since the purchase of a home was usually the biggest single investment of a lifetime," he stated.

Head table guests included W. J. Borrie, president of Pemberton & Son Ltd., Vancouver, who conveyed greetings and congratulations from the Vancouver firm.

Concluding the evening's entertainment, interesting travel films were shown by H. Godfrey Hirst. Younger members of the staff adjourned to the Crystal Garden for dancing.

City Briefs

The 5th (B.C.) Coast Regt. R.C.A. will hold its weekly parade Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Armories. Pay parade. Dress: Battle dress, web belts, anklets, berets. A turkey shoot will be held for those who have actively attended parades during the past year.

The annual carol service will be held Sunday afternoon at 5.30 at the chapel of Brentwood College in Brentwood. Although no written invitations were sent out this year, college authorities say that all parents and friends of the pupils are welcome to attend the service.

The 10th annual concert of the Victoria Girls' Drill Team, previously announced as being held Thursday, Dec. 18, has now been postponed until the following night, Friday, Dec. 19, it was announced today by Norman Foster, founder and trainer of the team. The concert will be held in the Sirocco ballroom and will commence at 8.

Mark Tobey of Seattle, a world traveler, famous for his art exhibits in many parts of the world, will return to Victoria to give another lecture at Prince Robert House tomorrow at 3.15. Mr. Tobey's subject will be "The Faith of Our Fathers." The lecture will be held under the auspices of the Baha'i Group of Victoria.

Many activities are being planned for members of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Youth Hostel Association during the remaining weeks of December and early in the new year. Tonight an old-time dance will be held for branch members in the Fraser Street Recreation Hall in Esquimalt. Next Saturday, a house party is scheduled. Monday, Dec. 22, a roller skating party is planned. Arrangements are being made to hold a new year's eve party. A bowling contest will be held Jan. 3.

Victorians Spurn New Styles When It Comes To Christmas Tree Decorations

By HELEN TOOTH

Skirt lengths, feminine silhouettes and hair styles may all change from year to year or even from season to season, but when it comes to dressing the Christmas tree old-fashioned tradition holds sway in Victoria.

Sophisticated magazines and window display artists may dream up nightmare versions of silver and blue trees, or all-gold trimmed, but those whose business it is to sell the glittery ornaments, shining tinsel or gleaming glass balls that deck the trees in most homes report there are few who are willing to depart from the old style.

Back in the larger cities, or in the prairie towns, about now on practically every street corner or gasoline station there are great stacks of the fragrant evergreen trees in all shapes and sizes, decorated with hoar frost or a sprinkling of snow, waiting to be chosen and carried home.

CUT OWN TREES

In Victoria, though, many families make a ceremony of going up the island and cutting their own tree, although many property owners resent the annual looting of their lands. For the past several Saturdays and Sundays a steady flow of cars in the late afternoon were seen bowling along the Island Highway back to town with one or more trees securely roped on to the top of running board.

Last year the city licensing department reported only 14 men took out licenses to sell Christmas trees either on vacant lots or on a door-to-door basis. This year, to date, only four have taken out special licenses. In a few instances greengrocers, or shrubbery salesmen add Christmas trees to their list during the festive season without taking out extra licenses. But the sale of Christmas trees cannot be counted "big business" in the city, as it can in many others.

DECORATIONS PLENTIFUL

Supplies of Christmas decorations have been plentiful this year, although angels and stars to deck the topmost tip are still a bit difficult to obtain. There isn't a star to be had in the downtown counters, and the supply of angels is very limited. There is plenty of tinsel, but it is priced above the pre-war level, salesgirls report, and there are dozens of the glass balls.

There just aren't any of the small balls and varied shapes that were evident in the pre-war days when supplies came from Japan, Germany and Czechoslovakia. The big ones so evident in all shops come from the United States.

Although some stores started displaying Christmas tree lights and decorations away back in August the public is not particularly responsive to a "shop early" plea on such items. Most salesgirls report that the majority of people don't start worrying about the decorations until they get the tree set up and then find out what they haven't got. Then they dash downtown, starting about now, and frantically buy out the stocks.

NEW SILVER ROPE

The shining strips of tin foil, to fill in the odd corners and bare spots, are very popular, as is a new type of silver rope on the market for the first time this year. Unlike the traditional tinsel, it doesn't tarnish and will gleam brightly from year to year, they say.

For the first time in many years there is a fair stock of tree lights to be had, although it is to be noted that most of the smaller strings have been bought up, and only the more expensive "bubble lights" are left on the counters. There seems to be lots of extra bulbs to replace the burned out ones on the strings. The little plush imitation candy canes are strongly in evidence, but the real thing still seems to be lacking. Another new item on the decoration counters is the gay, red little plastic bird, who looks just ready to burst into song.

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"The Real Lloyd George" by A. J. Sylvester (Cassell).

THE late Earl Lloyd George, sometimes "genius," sometimes "spoiled child," who refused to serve in Winston Churchill's wartime cabinet because "he would not enter the cabinet in a subordinate position," is the subject of a study by A. J. Sylvester, for 30 years his private secretary.

In "The Real Lloyd George" Sylvester paints an affectionate but realistic picture of the man he served from 1915 onwards. He describes the peace conferences of the early '20s, Lloyd George's tour of Canada and the United States in 1923, his views on the abdication of King Edward VIII—he was against it—and the reasons for his refusing to take cabinet office in the Second World War.

The book teems with anecdotes, some trivial, but nearly all revealing. Sometimes Lloyd George is seen as the statesman who dominated his postwar contemporaries, again as the irritable and irritating master who would fly into rages when he had to fumble with a door handle or try to dress himself.

Canadians experienced his abrupt way of dealing with matters in 1923 when, after arriving at Montreal, he personally blue-pencilled most of the program that had been drawn up for him.

In 1936 Lloyd George visited Germany and had several talks with Hitler, who made such a deeply favorable impression

Library Leaders

Marionette Library: "About Lyddy Thomas" by Maritta Wolff; "The Meaning of Treason" by Rebecca West; and "Diary of Samuel Marchbanks" by Robertson Davies.

David Spencer Ltd.: "End of a Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer; "The Black Laurel" by Storm Jameson; "The Garretson Chronicle" by Gerald Warner Brice.

Bett's Bookshop: "The Golden Rule" by Frank G. Slaughter; "Nothing So Strange" by James Hilton; and "White Collar" by Ronald Hastain.

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upon him that he afterwards described him as "the George Washington of Germany... the man who won for his country independence from all her oppressors."

Personal antipathy again cropped up in 1939-40, when he consistently refused to serve in any cabinet in which Neville Chamberlain held office. Various offers were made to him, some tentative and some concrete. Sylvester says at one time he thought Lloyd George might become chairman of a possible food production council. There was also talk of his succeeding Lord Lothian as ambassador at Washington.

Two winners of the Ryerson Fiction Award are just off the press this month. They are "Judgment Glen" by Will R. Bird; and "Music at the Close" by Edward A. McCort. The first is a story of Yorkshire settlers in Nova Scotia, and the second is the story of a boy who went west to live with his uncle at the beginning of the 20th century.

The Book Find Club has chosen "Critics and Crusaders" by Charles A. Madison as its February choice. The book is published by Henry Holt & Co. and has taken six years' research and writing to produce.

Insurance Canceled On Nelson Schools

NELSON (CP)—Fire insurance policies on all schools in Nelson District No. 7 have been canceled by the underwriters, N. S. McLeod, school board secretary, said Friday.

He said it had been known the move was under consideration by the companies for some time, but the \$5,000 fire which destroyed a school at nearby Taghum had been given as the immediate reason.

At a trustees' meeting in Harrison Hot Springs last May, trustees had been told that school fire insurance risks would not be carried by the underwriters unless armed guards watched the buildings when they were not occupied.

Nelson and Taghum are in the heart of the Doukhobor area.

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THE CHURCH OF THE WESLEYAN MESSAGE

FRIDAY, DEC. 19—8 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

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Loyalty Under Persecution

Scripture: Revelation 2:8-11; 7:9-17

By WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.

The Book of Revelation came out of a period of crisis in the early days of Christianity, when the faith of the disciples was being put to the most acute test in the fires of terrible persecution. It was written to encourage Christians to be firm, and to give them a sense of God's presence and their ultimate deliverance and blessedness, if they endured to the end.

The time, according to Biblical scholars, was in the reign of the Roman emperor Domitian, about 90 A.D., when the totalitarian and tyrannical power of the state, which we have seen so ruthlessly in its persecutions in our own time, was dominant. In that rule of power, gone insane, the worship of the emperor was made a test of loyalty to the state. It was not enough that the Christian citizen should be loyal to the empire. He was called on to show that loyalty was an act of idolatry worse than that of bowing down to wood and stone—the sacrilege of setting up a man, and a very bad man at that, in the place of God.

In some respects it was no sterner a test than many have had to face in our own time. The penalty of disobedience, in refusing such dishonest and blasphemous worship, was hardly more severe than that that thousands in this century have suffered, as the mass executions, gas chambers and ovens of destruction bear witness.

If the Book of Revelation, with its symbolism and its strange and colorful images, is in many parts hard to understand, and doubtful of interpretation, it is because of the dangers that beset both its author and its readers in those days of persecution. It was written in a sort of secret code, though its symbols and figures would be understood by those for whom it was written.

Dogmatic interpreters, who are sure that they have the right key and understand all its mysteries, will condemn me for suggesting that much in the Book is difficult and of doubtful interpretation. But the very fact that the interpretations differ so much is the surest effort of what I am suggesting.

But, if much is difficult to understand, much also is sub-

time and moving in its beauty and power, and there is an un-failing sureness in the assertion of God's eternal power, the ultimate triumph of right, and the crown of glory for all who endure to the end.

From these passages that thrill us with their majesty, and with their positive note of hope and triumph, we can get some idea of what the Book meant to those who could understand the meaning of every figure and symbol. The fact that Christianity did survive all the powers that sought to destroy it, is proof that the Book did bring to the sorely persecuted Christians the strength and inspiration, through their Master, that they so much needed.

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Junior Cadets Entertain Prior To Dance



Many of the junior cadets gathered for dinner at the Empress Hotel or were entertained at private parties in the homes of their pretty dance partners prior to the Christmas dance at H.M.C.S. Royal Roads last night. A group at the Empress Hotel, pictured above, are: Top step, left to right, Cadet Hugh Farrant, Miss Edith McGill and Cadet Andrew Clarke; bottom steps, left to right, Cadet E. Ryll, Miss Dianne Finland, Cadet Howard Whit, Miss Daphne Finland and Miss Leona Pedneault.

ATLAS THEATRE

From Broadway to Hollywood, and in every tank town in between... in night club dressing rooms and in the drafty wings of small-town "opera house" stages—wherever that strange and wonderful breed of people known as "show folk" are valiantly carrying on in the colorful tradition of vaudeville—the happy word is going around that at long last, the first true story of show people has been brought to the screen.

Starring Betty Grable in the title role, with talented Dan Dailey, a sure-shot for overnight stardom with his heralded performance in this film, the Twentieth Century-Fox technicolor picture, "Mother Wore Tights," currently at the Atlas Theatre.

RIO THEATRE

Darryl F. Zanuck's stirring production of "The Purple Heart," the thrilling story of how eight dauntless Yank fliers tied the entire Jap empire into knots, is now at the Rio Theatre.

The brilliant featured cast of the film includes Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, Farley Granger, Kevin O'Shea, Donald Barry, Trudy Marshall, Sam Levene, Charles Russell, John Craven, Tala Birell, Richard Loo and Peter Chong. The film was directed by Lewis Milestone from the script by Jerome Cady. Otto Tolischus was the film's technical adviser.

Canadian Pianist Billed For First Of Celebrity Series

The Canadian Theatre and Arts Productions will start its "Canadian Celebrity Series" with a Canadian pianist of international fame, Miss Phyllis Cook Taylor. This brilliant artist has been acclaimed by press and music lovers in London, New York, Los Angeles, California Pacific International Exposition, as well as in Canada, as a truly distinctive artist of tremendous power and rhythmic sweep.

Miss Taylor will give her recital in the Empress Hotel ballroom Dec. 16. This is the commencement of her tour of Canada. Seats are limited, and early reservation of seats is recommended.

PLAZA THEATRE

For the making of "Green for Danger," which is now showing at the Plaza Theatre, two members of the cast had their baptism of ether in the cause of realism. They were Trevor Howard and Leo Genn, who appear as the anaesthetist and the surgeon, respectively. To get the feel of an operating theatre they both visited a hospital and witnessed operations.

YORK THEATRE

Paul Muni, who plays the starring role of Eddie Kagle in the current Charles R. Rogers' production, "Angel On My Shoulder," which is now at the York Theatre through United Artists release, started out in life with the tongue-twisting name of Muni Weisenfreund. He wasn't on the stage very long, however, before he realized that the name was much too long for marquee use and decided to change it. He kept the Muni, making it his surname, and prefixed it with Paul, the American derivation of his father's given name.

Christmas Luncheon

Mrs. Theo A. Jansen entertained the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Grace Lutheran Church at a Christmas luncheon in the parsonage Thursday. Following the luncheon Mrs. S. H. Berger, president, conducted the meeting and presented the topic, "And They Brought Unto Him Gifts." Mesdames C. M. Walckmeyer, L. Schmelz and V. Miller assisted with readings. In keeping with the topic, a special feature of the day was the presentation of gifts for the missionaries at the Colony of Mercy in Japan. Gifts included towels and hospital supplies.

Lions' Share Goes To Sadler Fund



David Meharey, right, chairman of the Victoria Lions Club's welfare committee, shakes hands with Brent Murdoch, president of the Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce, following presentation of a cheque for \$1,125 to the latter for use by the Sadler Rehabilitation Committee. The cheque represents money donated and collected by members of the Lions Club. The Sadler fund, established soon after the disastrous Nov. 19 blaze which took the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sadler's two youngest children and left them and their surviving daughter homeless, now has approximately \$10,000 to help re-establish the fire victims. The committee has also received assurance of voluntary skilled labor and promise of household furnishings to make another home for the Sadlers.

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House Votes Down Amendment On Price, Rental Control Power

OTTAWA (CP)—The government, seeking extension of its rent and price control powers until March 31, was placed in the position in the Commons Friday of having to vote against an opposition motion that would have prolonged the extension to Dec. 31, 1948.

The C.C.F., backing up its requests for re-imposition of price controls, introduced an amendment to a resolution that would extend the government's powers under the Transitional Powers Act to March 31.

Justice Minister Lacey, speaking before the House defeated the amendment 129 to 24, said he felt he would have to oppose it. While the government had no intention of allowing all controls to lapse March 31, it was not yet in a position to decide what controls should be extended beyond that date.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said the amendment had been moved because Finance Minister Abbott had given an emphatic "no" to a consumers' delegation

which earlier in the day had urged re-imposition of controls.

STATEMENT REPEATED

Mr. Abbott said he had told the delegation the same thing as he had told the Commons earlier in the week—that no over-all price control policy could be enforced in peacetime unless the people were ready to accept over-all control by the government of the country's economy. He had held out no hope to the delegation that over-all price control would be re-instituted.

Although all parties through their leaders, have indicated their willingness to support extension of the government's powers to the end of the fiscal year, an appeal for passage of the legislation before the week-end adjournment was rejected.

At the adjournment hour Veterans' Minister Mackenzie, government leader in the Commons, asked that members allow the legislation to go through. However, F. D. Shaw, S.C., Red Deer, Alta., said he wished to speak and the debate will be resumed Monday.

Moving House, Big Event Friday



It isn't every day in the week residents of Quadra or Vancouver Streets see two men on top of a moving house, and many householders were out on their porches Friday morning as a house was moved from 1816 Quadra Street to 2555 Vancouver Street. The house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weatherall, is owned by the Veterans' Auto Sales, John Kerr and A. Whiteman are on top of the roof while Bill Smith and Art Tribe were with the truck. Police Constable Don Buie followed behind on his motorcycle.

Junior Players To Stage Indian Play

Among the many and varied entertainments offered to Victorians in connection with Christmas is an Indian play—"The Okanagan Nativity"—which will be performed by the Victoria Junior Players for the first time in this city at Spencer's auditorium next Saturday.

The play directed by Miss Pearl Alarie, assisted by Miss Barbara Fraser, will be performed at 2:30 and again at 3:30 in the afternoon. As an additional feature, a Christmas carol written in 1643 by Father St. Jean de Brebeuf will be sung by a junior chorus glee club.

The author of the play is Anthony Walsh, who is well known in Victoria. In this simple dramatization, he brings to children and adults alike the story of Christmas tidings.

The players are mostly between the ages of 10 and 12 years of age. Mr. Walsh's play is to be broadcast and produced in Edmonton and in the United States this Christmas.

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Hollywood Moves To Avert Increased Outside Censorship

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The motion picture industry is mightily worried about the possibility of more outside censorship and is taking steps to prevent it.

In the last couple of weeks Hollywood has been making rapid moves toward what might be considered putting its own house in order. Evidence: The banning of gangster movies; the firing of "unfriendly witnesses" cited by the Un-American Activities Committee. The rest of the job is up to the industry's unique self-regulating body, the production code administration.

The P.C.A.'s trained staff checks the synopsis, scripts and finished product of all films produced by its members. The reviewers have to be hip to all kinds of slang, foreign and domestic, and even exchange the latest dirty jokes, purely for business reasons.

PLENTY OF REGULATIONS

Their censoring is guided by five volumes of regulations, ranging from abdomen to zipper. Note: zippers may be permitted in some comedy situations, but are generally taboo in bedrooms and parlors.

The staff must also be aware of moral values. A murderer cannot be accidentally killed by a train; he has to suffer for his crime.

It goes even further: A criminal cannot say something moral in a picture, nor can an honest character condone crime. The bad have to stay bad and the good good.

The P.C.A. okayed "Forever Amber" because the film adhered to the code. However, church condemnation of any picture always reflects on the whole industry and in the future the P.C.A. will probably discourage film purchase of "sensational" novels, no matter how well laundered they are for the screen, they always bring criticism.

Legionnaires Enjoy Branch Yule Smoker

Six hundred veterans spent a merry evening at the Britannia Branch of the Canadian Legion Friday evening when the branch put on its annual Christmas smoker.

A full and entertaining program kept the members occupied for the evening. Among the entertainers were the Hometowners, with Bob McGill, Fred Usher, Ernie Fullerton, Bill Botten and Jeff Venables; "Suzanne," who sang sweet songs; Dave Dyke and his guitar, and Stan James with an amusing line of patter.

Other performers during the evening were Johnny Lester, Dick Potts, Tiny Bull, Art Stringer, Charlie MacFarlane, Bill Emmerton and Jack Bird. A "Klondike Night," sponsored by the women's auxiliary of the branch, will be staged in the branch auditorium at 8 this evening. Dancing and games will be featured.

Ship Uses Radar In Los Angeles Dust

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dust was so thick in Los Angeles harbor Friday the liner Matsonia had to use radar to find her dock.

The bureau called it a Santa Ana dust storm. In some areas it hit at 60 miles an hour and whistled down from the mountain passes to settle over the harbor like pea soup.

Ship Captain Dies

SEATTLE (AP)—Capt. Malcolm N. MacLaren, master of the American-Pacific Steamship Company's Ss. Samuel Colt, died Thursday in Mazatlan, Mexico, members of his family said today. The Samuel Colt was en route from Vancouver, B.C., to London with general cargo. Capt. MacLaren had made his home in Seattle since 1940. He is survived by his wife and son, Donald, 11.

Housewives Claim Price Delegation Made Some Headway

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Abbott may have given them the "cold shoulder" on reimposition of price controls, but the housewives who descended on the capital Friday aren't the least bit discouraged. In fact, they said today, a few more such delegations and the government may begin to see the cost-of-living light—their way.

"What we did achieve certainly is in the right direction," said Mrs. Mary Campbell of Sudbury, Ont., a member of the delegation made up of more than 60 men and women from Ontario and Quebec. Representing trade unions, welfare organizations, and housewives' groups, the delegates claimed that in Quebec alone they spoke for 300,000 persons.

Before the delegates departed for their homes, Mrs. Campbell said she planned on calling a mass meeting of consumers in Sudbury "and a delegation will come back bigger and stronger."

Stewart Smith of Toronto accused Mr. Abbott of "beclouding the issue" during the half-hour interview the minister gave the delegates when they presented their six-point brief. Among other things it urged the government to adopt price control measures in order to prevent a further increase in the cost of living.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

It also urged upon the government reimposition of the excess profits tax, and complained of the "excessive" sales tax which "wrought hardship" on the low-income group.

Mr. Abbott said that matters of sales tax and excess profits tax were budgetary matters and he could not discuss them at the present time. But he added: "Say they will be considered when I come to make up my budget next spring."

On a question from a Canadian Legion representative, Mr. Abbott also said that increased allowance pensions to veterans were under consideration by the government, but he wasn't able to say what action would be taken.

Japanese Hearings To Resume Jan. 12

KAMLOOPS (CP)—Appeals to the Japanese property claims commission by Japanese-Canadians will be resumed Jan. 12, when further applications will be heard at Lillooet by Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird.

Eighteen claims, totaling nearly \$68,000, were put before the commission during its first five days of sittings. The claimants charged the custodian of enemy property sold their belongings at a loss when they were forced to leave certain areas of British Columbia during the Second World War.

"First hearing of its kind in the Dominion's 80 years, it bids fair as well to become the longest. A total of 3,000 claims is expected, 1,000 alone estimated for Toronto, where Ontario's Japanese-Canadians will appeal.

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3 Gunmen Go On Shooting Rampage Killing 3, Wounding 2 In Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Three gunmen, described by police as "mad dog killers," went on a shooting rampage Friday night and early today, shot and killed three men and wounded two others. One of the gunmen was slain by police and a second was seized.

Bodies of two of the victims of the gang's shooting spree were found in western suburbs early today, about 10 hours after the trio had slain one man in a south side garage and abducted four men.

Two others who had been taken on the "gang ride" had been shot and wounded and also dumped into a highway in suburban Brookfield. However, one man, not seriously wounded, telephoned police.

The four had been kidnapped at the south side garage of Nick Kuesis, 40, after the gunmen had fatally shot Nick's brother, John, 33.

The slayer of Kuesis was identified by police as Tom Daley, 42, an ex-convict. He was slain by a squad of detectives early today as he attempted to flee from a west side apartment. His death followed the seizure of one of his companions.

The companion, seized as he entered a west side hotel where he was spending his honeymoon with his 17-year-old bride of 10 days, was identified as Lowell Fentress, 19.

Fentress, in calmly relating details of the shooting, described Daley as being "wild, crazy drunk" at the time.

He told police that after shooting John Kuesis and abducting four men in the garage, they drove to Brookfield, where they shot John Kuesis' brother, Nick, and Frank Baker, 17, and pushed them from the car.

Later, detective Andrew Barry said the gunman told him, they shot and killed Emil Schmikal,

Labor Likely To Elect Next Year, Says L.P.P.

The Labor-Progressive Party of Victoria today claimed that "with the Liberal-Tory non-partisan front cracked in a number of municipalities, notably Vancouver, it is likely that labor can elect in Victoria in 1948."

The party reported that the lesson of the Thursday civic elections here had been that labor needs to run its own candidates, "who have in past elections polled much heavier votes than Mr. R. F. Williams."

"We note that this candidate failed to capture the labor vote for the non-partisans, and that the business vote also did not rally behind him," the party said in a statement.

"Analysis of the results showed all non-partisan candidates for council received minority votes."

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JAMES STEWART

Mr. A. E. Arsott, C.B.E., president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, announced today the appointment of Mr. James Stewart as general manager of the bank. Mr. Stewart succeeds Mr. Stanley M. Wedd, who assumes the position of executive vice-president after five years as general manager.

Mr. Stewart has been one of the leading executives of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for some years. He was appointed an assistant general manager in January, 1937. He had, however, wide experience in banking before he became a member of the administrative staff at head office, having served in various capacities in the province of Quebec, at New York, Hamilton and Halifax, as well as manager at Mexico City. In November, 1941, he accepted a war service post as administrator of services in the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, remaining in that capacity until February, 1943, when he resumed his position as assistant general manager at the head office of the bank. In recognition of his war-time service he was awarded the decoration Commander of the British Empire.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Approximately \$10,000,000 has been distributed to fishermen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces under terms of the Deep-Sea Fisheries Act since it was enacted in 1882, the public accounts report tabled in the Commons Friday shows. The payments, an outcome of the Treaty of Washington in 1871, are to compensate Canadian fishermen for loss of exclusive privileges

Ban Does Not Apply To Christmas Gifts

OTTAWA (CP)—Gift imports of items on the prohibited list will be allowed to enter Canada up to \$25 in value until Jan. 15, the Revenue Department said Friday, but the usual duty on all articles of more than \$5 must be paid.

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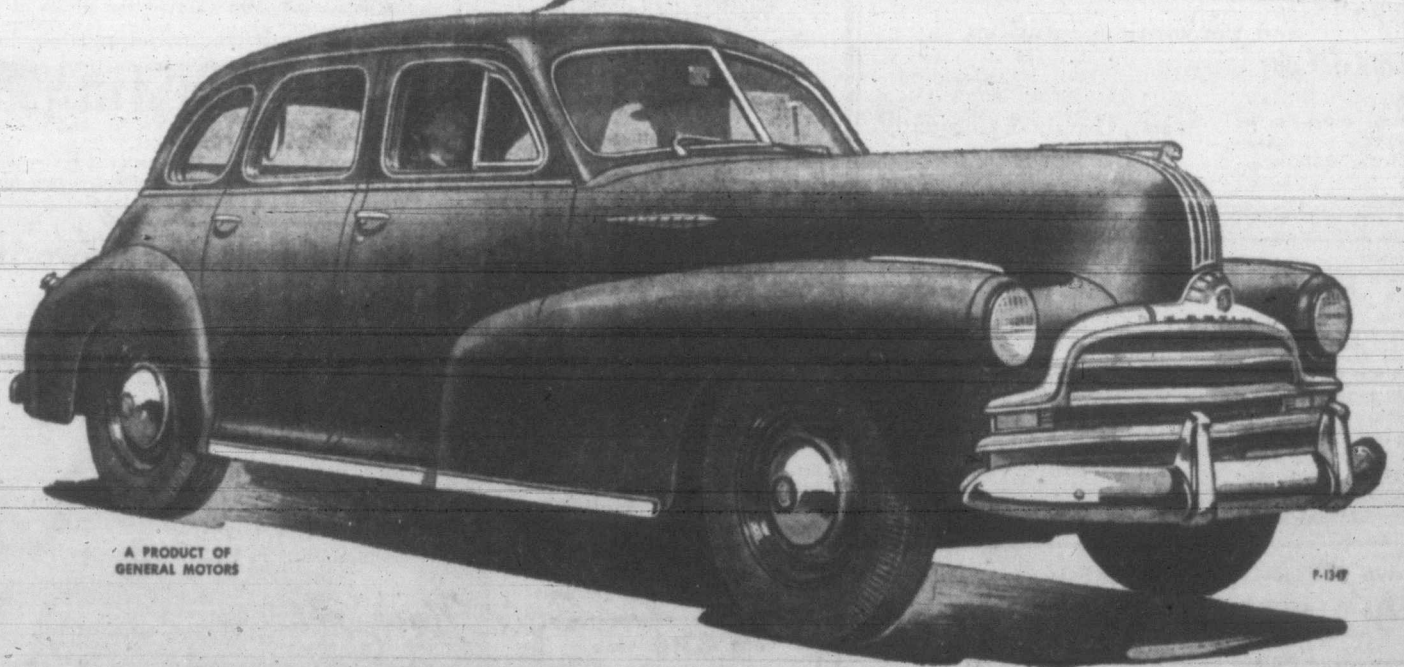
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Slight Progress For Leaders

NEW YORK (AP)—Selected oils, rails and industrials extended the recovery in today's stock market although progress for many leaders was slight. Dealings were among the liveliest for a Saturday since last May.

In the Canadian group, Canadian Pacific added ¼ and McIntyre ½. Lake Shore was up ½ and Distillers Seagrams ¼. Dome Mines slipped ¼ and Elram Walker ½.

Dow Jones closing averages:

30 Industrials 179.34, up 0.97

20 rails 49.02, up 0.83

15 utilities 33.07, up 0.10

65 stocks 63.57, up 0.48

Total sales, 560,000.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

Closing bid

American Can 40-41

American Tobacco 67-68

American Smelter 30-31

American Tel. and Tel. 11-12

American Woolen 11-12

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Chinese Choristers Rehearse For Carol Festival

By HUMPHRY DAVY

To prove at least in part when it comes to singing Chinese voices are equal to those of Canadians of European origin, a Chinese choir, the first of its kind in Victoria, will perform at the Metropolitan Church next week among 18 local choirs at a Christmas carol festival on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The choir is composed of a cheerful group of 30 attractive young girls. At least half of the members of the choir attend high school. The others work at various jobs in the city. There are only three male choristers, Conductor Norma Douglas, musical director at Victoria High School, assisted by Miss Evelyn Prisk, organized the choir a few weeks ago, and worked against time to have them ready for the festival. The choir is really an off-spring of the United Church Chinese choir which was formed in October of this year. The present group, however, is made up of members belonging to all religious denominations.

CHEERFUL, HAPPY

Miss Douglas finds it a real pleasure to conduct the girls in singing because of their cheerful and happy disposition. After a practice, the girls never fail to thank their instructor and to voice their appreciation for the work she has done for them.

To get the girls to sing in harmony in the Chinese language was one of the major problems Miss Douglas had to overcome. The difficulty was that most of them sang in the Cantonese dialect, but even then there were variations in pronunciation. The official Chinese dialect is Mandarin.

The Chinese voice differs somewhat from those of other races and has its own peculiarities. Their voices are light with a distinct reedy quality and are more suited to light, soft music.

IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE

When some of the members were asked in what language they preferred to sing, they secretly confided they preferred to sing in English. They are all keen on Christmas carols. At the concert they will sing English numbers as well as a Chinese hymn composed by a Chinese musician in Shanghai.

Among this group of Canadian-Chinese girls are some of the busiest young people in this city. Some of their activities include attending Chinese school regularly on certain days of the week, participating in the social activities of their respective churches, and working for mission and charitable societies. They are all fond of dancing and roller skating. A few are good swimmers. Neat and attractive, the girls are all clever, needewomen and usually make their own clothes. They are meticulous at their work, polite to their customers



Silent night, Holy night... is being sung in Chinese by these three choir members. Left to right, Barbara Chung, Florence Chow and Noreen Hong.



The Chinese girls who form part of the Chinese Choir are all enthusiastic singers and prefer Christmas carols to any other type of song. Left to right, Beverly Eng, Verna Lee, Muriel Lee, Rose Lee and Helen Lee. Miss Evelyn Prisk is accompanist.

and clients, and rank high in the eyes of their employers. As an example, there is Helen Lee, a member of the United Church Young People's Society, who is an active church and mission worker. Despite her many

activities, she still finds time to attend church practices, dance and attend parties. Another well-known member of the choir is Rose Lee, a clerk at the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Many of the bank's clients

know Rose for her friendly disposition and winning smile. There is also Eleanor Mar, who is studying to become a dressmaker; Verna Lee, a civil servant; and Muriel Lee, assistant secretary at Victoria High School.

Du Pont Charged With Monopoly In Cellophane Supply

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charging monopoly of the cellophane industry in the United States, the Justice Department today announced it had filed suit against E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. of Wilmington, Del., to force it to sell some of its plants.

Attorney-General Tom Clark, asserting Du Pont for years has produced more than two-thirds of the product used in the United States, said the complaint contained that the company acquired a monopoly through cartel agreements with foreign manufacturers.

The announcement said the anti-trust civil suit was filed in federal district court here seeking to "require Du Pont to sell at reasonable prices such of its plants as may be necessary to permit others to enter the cellophane field."

John F. Sonnett, assistant attorney-general, said that last year gross sales of the cellophane industry were about \$62,000,000, of which the defendant Du Pont Company had over \$46,000,000. The Du Pont monopoly is more effective because of the absence of any foreign imports of cellophane, and Du Pont's only competitor in this country operated under production restrictions imposed by it.

NAME FOREIGN FIRMS

The department's statement said that six foreign corporations

\$1,500 Taken In 'Smash-Grab' Theft At Ladysmith Store

LADYSMITH—Provincial Police in this up-island town today were seeking "smash-and-grab" robbers, who broke the window of S. A. Bricker's Gateacre jewelry store during the night and made off with a quantity of watches estimated to be worth \$1,500.

Forty-seven pieces of jewelry were stolen, five Eastern Star women's rings, five Masonic Order men's rings seven signet rings, 18 assorted women's rings, four diamond rings, three men's watches and five women's timepieces.

It is believed the robbery was committed in the first few hours after midnight.

Ask Day's Earnings For Hungry Children

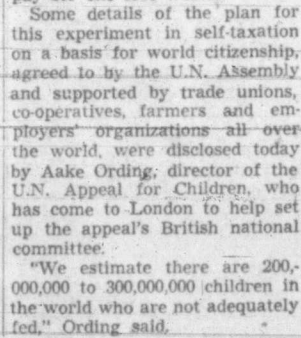
LONDON (Reuters)—On Feb. 29, in leap year 1948, every citizen of United Nations' countries will be asked to give up a day's earnings for relief of the world's starving children—"one day's pay for one free world."

Some details of the plan for this experiment in self-taxation on a basis for world citizenship, agreed to by the U.N. Assembly and supported by trade unions, co-operatives, farmers and employers' organizations all over the world, were disclosed today by Aake Ordling, director of the U.N. Appeal for Children, who has come to London to help set up the appeal's British national committee.

"We estimate there are 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 children in the world who are not adequately fed," Ordling said.

One Hour Before It Was A Two-Story House

Firemen comb the wreckage of a house in southwest Los Angeles for possible victims after the building was completely demolished by a violent explosion. Four exterminators were reported to have been inside the house when the blast occurred. Three of the men were injured.



One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

EXTRACTIONS AND EMOTIONS

PITY THE POOR DENTISTS! To which I might add, pity the poor patients. For someone always seems to be popping up with new ideas on the subject of how to make dental chairs more popular—and not succeeding.

We are only just getting over the disappointment occasioned by the novel notion that, by gluing a patient's ear to a radio receiver, he or she will feel nothing of the drilling and excavating and calomining that accompanies the filling of a cavity.

I haven't tried the radio cure, but some trusting souls who did assure me that it only heightened the torture, which I can well believe.

PERSONALITY PROBLEMS

NOW ALONG COMES another expert to tell us that it isn't the rotting root which causes us toothache, but the emotions which are at the root of the trouble.

Dr. Edward Weiss, professor of clinical medicine at Temple University Medical School, told a New York dental society that teeth cannot be divorced from personality.

I heartily agree with him there. Anyone who has just had all the old molars and bicusps and what-have-yous removed certainly lacks personality, whether it was lost by divorce or other process.

Next, the speaker went on to say that there are often striking connections between teeth and emotional problems, adding: "The human mouth is psychologically very important, being directly or symbolically related to the major human instincts and passions."

KEEP IT SHUT

THERE AGAIN, I AM in complete agreement, but not for the same reason perhaps. He is speaking in terms of teeth, I am thinking in terms of the tongue.

If some of the mouths we have known, for instance, had been kept closed a little more they wouldn't have evoked the instinct in the other fellow to tell them to shut up.

As to its relation to passion, you have only to be the unwilling witness to a quarrel or a brawl to know what part the mouth can play in getting someone really riled.

As to my own mouth and its relation to my human instincts, I can only confess that I instinctively shut it tight—when I get anywhere near a dentist's chair!

PAIN IN THE NECK

DR. WEISS ALSO UPSETS another accepted notion. If anyone gives you a pain in the neck, it may be due to "focal infection."

Many of these pains have hitherto been wrongly attributed to "focal infection." And instead of digging for decayed teeth or tonsils, it is better to dig into your past, it appears. Or as he puts it:

"A study of the life situation rather than a search for 'foci of infection,' is the proper approach."

ANOTHER CONFLICT

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT focal conflict, but I have a suspicion that there's going to be a conflict of opinion between the other experts over this statement of his:

"If we could pile together the teeth and tonsils that have been unnecessarily removed from patients with illnesses of emotional origin, we would have an imposing monument to an era of overcredulity in regard to a significant American contribution to medicine—the theory of focal infection."

And if I know anything of dentists and doctors, not even the psychologists and psychiatrists will be able to curb the emotions likely to be disturbed in the process of extracting the solution to the problem: To extract or not to extract.

Grain

(By Investment Dealers' Association)

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TODAY *and* TOMORROW

Personalities in The News



MRS. JACK MENZIES



Photo by Campbell Studios

MISS DIANA ARNOTT

The Social Scene

As the Christmas season draws closer, members of Victoria's younger social set share the spotlight with attractive visitors from other cities. Travel, a forthcoming wedding and a young collegian returning "home" for the holidays, share top interest in the pictorial presentations on this page today.

Bride's Attendants . . . Mrs. Jack Menzies of Vancouver has been invited by Miss Gloria Arnott to act as matron of honor at her marriage to Mr. Howard Bain Bagshaw which takes place next Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay. Miss Diana Arnott, sister of the bride-elect will be the other attendant. All three girls have been friends since childhood days. Mr. Menzies, who will stand as best man at the wedding, will accompany his wife from Vancouver Saturday morning. They will be guests at the Empress Hotel.



MISS PAT HENDERSON

Home for Christmas . . . Miss Pat Henderson is one of many university students who will be arriving in Victoria toward the end of next week to spend Christmas holidays with their families. Pat, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. G. Henderson, Despard Avenue, is a second-year student at University of British Columbia. She is at present on the staff of the Ubysey, a daily student publication, and plans to make a career of journalism.

To travel . . . the excitement of spending a Christmas and New Year Eve aboard ship, cruising in the West Indies, is in store for Miss Vervan Yarrow, who leaves Victoria this week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow, to fly to New Orleans. On Dec. 19 in New Orleans, the Yarrows join the cruise ship Stella Polaris for the holiday season. Later they will go to Nassau for several weeks, returning to Victoria in February.



MISS VERVAN YARROW

Photo by Bill Hallett.

Retiring Premier Leaves Indelible Mark On B.C.

By DAVE DRIVER

The political career of Premier John Hart, who will retire probably next week, has been long and marked by steady, conscientious devotion to the affairs of the province. He is leaving an indelible mark on the life and political history of this province and has sold to a large proportion of the people of this province the conception that his government—a coalition administration of Liberals and Progressive Conservatives—has been the best that British Columbia has ever enjoyed.

The name John Hart, unknown in British Columbia about 40 years ago when he arrived in Victoria as an Irish immigrant youth of 19, will be linked for all time with the two greatest construction projects ever undertaken by the British Columbia government. The greatest single highway building program of the Provincial Works Department—the building of a road to link Prince George and Dawson Creek, thus giving the rich Peace River district of the province its first direct outlet with the Pacific coast—has been formally named the John Hart Highway. An even more expensive development, that of harnessing hydro-electrically Campbell River will also be associated with Mr. Hart, who fathered the British Columbia Power Commission which undertook the development of Vancouver Island's mightiest stream.

SAVED RECREATION GROUNDS

British Columbians also in the years to come may thank their white-haired, former premier for saving them two popular recreation grounds. Mr. Hart, who ruled British Columbia with a gloved hand and probably displayed his greatest talents in financing and negotiation, was successful in winning back to the Crown, Hollyburn Ridge near Vancouver, and the H. R. MacMillan Park, which includes Cathedral Grove, one of the finest accessible examples of virgin timber on the coast. Hollyburn Ridge was exchanged by the province for other property. Through Mr. Hart's negotiations British Columbia's lumber czar made an outright gift to the province of the Cathedral Grove property. Mr. Hart then went a step further and negotiated with the Canadian Pacific Railway's Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway for properties adjoining MacMillan Park. A second gift was made to the province.

Last week the Premier took time off from his preparations for retirement from office to do a little reminiscing about his stewardship to the people of the province. In his office in the Parliament Buildings overlooking the carefully manicured lawns and the Inner Harbor, Mr. Hart armed with a thick scrapbook recalled the highlights of his life and work.

The scrapbook, more than two inches thick, has been carefully kept for more than 30 years by his wife. It does not contain photographs of his boyhood and manhood, but contains clippings of newspapers showing the former finance minister and premier as he appeared before the public. The newspaper accounts of his activities had not been saved—altogether they would fill many volumes—but the Premier, with a mind still as alert as that when he played football in Victoria as a youth, recalled the exact date of many of the events and painted detailed pictures of some of his more outstanding successes in public life.

"INSIDE" STORIES

Occasionally the urge to tell the "inside" story of some of his now almost legendary financial deals was too great. A few amazing accounts he told, carefully guarding them still with numerous warnings that they were "off the record."

The scrapbook dates from 1916 when Mr. Hart first entered public life as a Liberal candidate for the Victoria seat in the British Columbia Legislature. Last pages of the book show the Premier on some occasions this year, when recognitions of his ability and work began to be made. But before opening the scrapbook Mr. Hart recalled his boyhood and early manhood.

He was born at Mohill, County Leitrim, Ireland, on March 31, 1879. His parents, John Hart, and the former Mary Reynolds, were both Irish and they were farmers. His grandparents and great-grandparents had likewise been tillers of the Irish soil, as had their ancestors so far as Mr. Hart knows.

The future premier went to Ross's School in Mohill. He had the urge to travel and decided to follow two older sisters to Canada. Arriving on the east

coast he came by train to Vancouver and immediately proceeded by boat to Victoria—arriving here a youth of 19 with a desire for adventure but with no friend outside of an uncle and no knowledge that the future held for him such an important role.

The story of how Jack Hart won spontaneous success on the football fields of Victoria is well-known but he recalled it again. He had arrived on a Friday evening late in the fall and had got hold of a copy of the Colonist. On the sports page he learned that a game was to be played the following afternoon in Beacon Hill Park. Jack Hart had played football in Ireland and was quite prepared to play in Victoria. He had brought his togs along and, on Saturday afternoon an hour or so before the scheduled start of the game, he climbed into them and made his way to the park.

BECAME REGULAR PLAYER

Throwing off his overcoat at the field, Jack got into the warm-up before the game. Arthur Davey, a lawyer, recognized immediately his playing ability and short one man on his "Y" intermediate team asked the Irish youth to play for him. The team the following Saturday was to play in Nanaimo and Mr. Hart was asked to play again and he agreed, although "I didn't know whether Nanaimo was somewhere in the park or out in Esquimalt."

On the trip to Nanaimo by E. and N. train, Mr. Hart met and became friends with several players. They included Harry Lawson, the lawyer, H. H. Shandley, who now is Victoria's county court judge, and W. N. Winsby, later lieutenant-colonel, who lives in Oak Bay. These early friendships have lasted throughout his lifetime.

Following the Nanaimo game in which the Victoria team was victorious, Mr. Hart became a regular player and later joined the senior Victoria United team when it was formed. He played with this team for about 10 years. Many of his fellow players are still alive.

Jack Hart was a keen athlete and his sports were not limited by any means to football. He also played handball, grass hockey and tennis and later switched to golf—a game in which he excelled and thrice won the championship of the Seniors' Northwest Golf Association. As a youth he also loved horseback riding and owned his own mare. He was a member of a group which rode to hounds. Still a keen fisherman, in his early days in Victoria he fished all the streams of the southern part of the island, and more particularly Shawnigan Lake and the Cowichan River where he caught "anything I could get" including big trout and steelheads.

HAD TWO PLANS

Two plans for making a livelihood had crystallized in Jack Hart's mind when he arrived in Victoria. He would go to the Yukon, then scene of the great gold rush, or he would become a farmer. Shortly after he arrived, however, he was looking for a job in Victoria.

The youthful immigrant tried for a job in the provincial civil service and didn't make it. He doesn't now remember what department this position, which paid \$20 a month, was to be in. He tried to get a job in the Bank of Montreal office but that didn't pan out. He recalls that the apprenticeship in those days was worth something like \$50 a year.

He finally landed a job with Robert Ward and Co. Ltd., Victoria's biggest financial house, which then occupied premises at Fort and Langley Streets, where the headquarters of the Liquor Control Board now is. He started on Jan. 6, 1899, in a job which paid \$10 a month and, Mr. Hart said, "people used to tell me it was more than I was worth at that time."

During the five years Mr. Hart worked for Ward he won several promotions but when an opening occurred in the office of R. P. Rihet and Co., a financial and shipping house which is still in operation in Victoria, he took it. Eleven years after he started working in Victoria, he went into a partnership which brought into existence the financial house of Gillespie, Hart and Todd. This partnership still exists in Gillespie, Hart & Co. Ltd., a Fort Street company of which Mr. Hart is still president and to which he will return when he retires.

The same year that the business was formed, Mr. Hart had joined the militia. On December 9, 1914, he joined the active force and was trained as a lieutenant at Work Point Barracks. He was

on service at Work Point with a coastal defence unit while Victoria went through one of her worst scares of the First World War when a submarine came into the harbor. Clean-up of all German vessels on the Pacific brought about Lieutenant Hart's transfer to the Willows and his posting to an artillery unit.

There for a time he was in charge of a small artillery unit boasting only a few batteries. He found army etiquette his most difficult problem.

ENTERS POLITICS

In 1913 John Hart, a popular young Victoria business man was nominated Liberal candidate in anticipation of a general election. When the election was called in 1916 Mr. Hart had been released from the army. He showed his political mettle from the start as organizer in Victoria for H. C. Brewster. The Liberals in Victoria had four candidates (Oak Bay was then part of the four-member Victoria constituency)—Mr. Brewster, the party leader; H. C. Hall, now Victoria magistrate; the late George Bell and John Hart. All four were elected and throughout the province the Liberals scored a landslide victory which brought Mr. Brewster into the Premier's office.

Jack Hart had worked hard to organize Victoria for the first campaign in which he participated. Since then he has been a candidate in five other general elections. He has always run in Victoria and he has always won.

Ralph Smith, who had been chosen Minister of Finance by Mr. Brewster, died before the House met early in 1917 and the premier carried on as Minister of Finance during the first part of the session. An adjournment was called in the session so that a committee could go to London to check up on the soldier-vote in a plebiscite on prohibition. This gave Premier Brewster an opportunity to get a new finance minister and he chose his party whip, and campaign manager, Jack Hart.

YOUNGEST FINANCE MINISTER

In those days it was necessary for the appointment of a minister to be confirmed by the people. In 1917 Mr. Hart was again facing the electors, his opponent being Dr. Ernest Hall, running on an Independent Liberal-Labor ticket. The electors endorsed the 38-year-old minister, one of the youngest finance ministers ever named by a provincial premier.

Mr. Hart served as British Columbia's finance minister until 1924 when he retired. For nine years Mr. Hart worked with his company, serving as manager for some time of a Vancouver office. In 1932 he was again back in the political arena contesting the Victoria constituency successfully and when the Pattullo government was formed he was again appointed finance minister, a position he held until 1946 when he relinquished his post to Hon. Herbert Anscomb, leader of the British Columbia Conservatives, in a deal to maintain the Coalition government. Mr. Hart had headed since 1941.

As Minister of Finance for British Columbia Mr. Hart showed his true talents. His admirers said he has been a financial wizard and it has been said that he could pull balanced budgets out of financial messes with the same facility that a magician could extricate rabbits from a hat. Finance was Mr. Hart's forte.

B.C. IN A MESS

In 1917 Mr. Hart presented his first budget showing revenue estimated at \$9,900,000. Twenty-nine years later he presented his 20th budget showing revenue estimated about five times that sum. His record of 20 budgets is unequalled in Canada, perhaps the empire and the world.

While British Columbia's financial position in 1917 was poor, when he retired from office in 1924, it was among the best of any province. Finance Minister Hart had reorganized the taxation department, presented his plans to the banks and was able to get money to carry on.

In 1933, when he again assumed the finance portfolio, British Columbia's financial position was in a worse mess than in 1917. The province was broke. Prepared but not sent out because there was no money to cover them were \$1,000,000 worth of cheques, some of which included salaries for provincial civil servants. On opening the treasury, Mr. Hart found but one cent. Again he made sweeping reforms, and won the confidence of banks which previously had refused to give the province credit.

"I am retiring from office when the finances of the province were never in a better state,"

Lays Down Reins Of Government



PREMIER JOHN HART

The Premier said last week. He noted that the provincial government held about \$70,000,000 worth of Victory Bonds, could borrow money anywhere at interest rates lower than those offered any other province. British Columbia bonds are quoted at prices among the highest offered for provincial debentures. The province's debts have been reduced considerably. While it is involved in a huge road and public building construction program, which has used up most of the huge revenue reserves built up during the war into unprecedented size, the province still has some of this money left for future projects.

GOOD DEAL AT OTTAWA

The Premier has drawn some hard bargains, but he has frequently demonstrated his willingness to compromise. Probably his greatest financial negotiation was that concluded last year with the federal government in which British Columbia entered an agreement to lease corporation and income taxing rights to Ottawa. The Hart formula won not only for British Columbia but for other provinces more than many persons had anticipated was possible and well over double the original offer of the federal government.

Another deal which saved the people of British Columbia almost \$1,000,000 was Mr. Hart's decision in 1945 to refund \$7,000,000 worth of bonds due in New York. Mr. Hart had borrowed some of this money in 1935 when the province was hard up for money to pay relief costs. The money was not available in Ottawa because British Columbia had demonstrated her financial solvency in failing to default. The money was not available elsewhere in Canada. Forced to go to New York, Mr. Hart got the money on a 10-year loan. Since the Canadian dollar in 1945 was pegged at 10 per cent discount in U.S. money, payment at that time would have cost the people of the province an extra \$700,000. Mr. Hart took another short-time loan, gambling that the Canadian dollar would return to par with the U.S. dollar before this loan came due, as it did.

After Finance Minister Hart had held office only for a short time during the First World War he negotiated a deal which precipitated what he described as the greatest celebration Victoria ever had. Last week he told of these negotiations for the first time.

OUTSMARTED FLAVELLE

In New York on other matters, Mr. Hart got in touch with the Foundation Company of New York, a huge construction company which was seeking a contract from the French government to build \$11,000,000 worth of ships. This firm and others were seeking a shipyard in Victoria which had been established by a federal government agency headed by Sir Joseph Flavelle. The Victoria yard was wanted because the ships were to be wooden auxiliary schooners.

The project was of vital interest to Victoria because a large portion of the contract price of the 20 vessels would go to Victorians and Victoria industries, and at that time Victoria was

is an equally sharp poker player at the Pacific and Union Clubs.

As a host, Premier Hart has few equals in Victoria. His dinners and receptions have been highlights of the social events during the legislative session. His waltz is still today the envy of many a man and the joy of many a woman.

During his term as Finance Minister and Premier, Mr. Hart has met many of the world's great whose paths have led them to Victoria.

During the visit of the Duke of Windsor, then as Prince of Wales, to Canada, Mr. Hart accompanied him for a day that he spent in Victoria. They visited a fair and had a fine time. As chairman of a committee, Mr. Hart was largely responsible for the great reception accorded Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, the First World War hero, on his return to Victoria. Later there was the visit of former U.S. President Howard K. Taft to Victoria.

"I drove him around in my car and showed him the sights of Victoria," he recalled.

Mr. Hart golfed with Lord Byng, Canada's Governor-General, following the First World War, taking an easy win.

In 1939 Mr. Hart, as finance minister, was chairman of a committee which planned the reception for the King and Queen. He treasures a letter from the King expressing regret that Mrs. Hart, who at the time was ill, was unable to be presented. Mr. Hart also has a letter from Princess Elizabeth thanking him and the people of the province for their wedding gift.

During the early part of the war Mr. Hart met the late President Roosevelt during his visit to Victoria. Many are the ambassadors, ministers, and governors he has met.

REASON TO BE PROUD

Perhaps no premier has more reason to be proud of his accomplishments on retiring from office.

In 1945 as he led the Coalition government to the polls in a general election, he issued a 43-point manifesto. Today he says proudly that every one of the 43 projects outlined in the paper have been or are in the process of being effected.

He speaks of a project as "my baby." Beside the John Hart Highway and the B.C. Power Commission—and its Campbell River project, Mr. Hart's "babies" include the Hope-Princeton Highway, which, when completed, will provide the Okanagan Valley with a southern outlet to Vancouver—an undertaking promised and repromised by government since it was planned 100 years ago, and the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the province's greatest white elephant for more than 20 years, into the Peace River country.

"The one I would like to have had completed before I left office was the P.G.E.," he said, but he added that he was confident that his proposal for the extension of the railway, for which spade work has already been done, will meet with the approval of the federal government and the two national railways.

HARD WORK

Premier Hart's success in public life has not come easily for him. It has involved a tremendous amount of hard work and today he would recommend any one following it, his footsteps not to look forward to an easy time.

His success in politics he attributes largely to the long hours he spent in organizing campaigns before elections. That his financial wizardry was not an innate characteristic is indicated by the size of the most complete on orthodox finance and economics in western Canada. A further indication is the long hours the premier spends in his office.

Mr. Hart usually arrives at work at about 9:30 in the morning and his lunch hour starts about 1. He is back on the job at 2:30 and works through until 5 or later. But he apparently reaches many of his decisions at home, after his regular working hours are over.

His home is on the brow of Gonzales Hill. Whenever possible the premier goes home for lunch, a light meal, with his wife, the former Harriet Mackay of Victoria, whom he married in 1908.

The premier would probably like to drop completely out of the public eye when he retires. But it is doubtful if he will be able to. And his is well, for, following a vacation which he has promised himself and his wife just as soon as his successor has learned the ropes, will be ready for many years of active life.

Cecil Solly's Column

Pruning Flowering Shrubs Requires Two Processes

In a previous article I gave the correct procedure for pruning fruit, flowering and shade trees. This article brought out quite a number of requests for similar information on the pruning of flowering shrubs.

The most simple rule, and the most expedient is to class the shrubs into two groups.

1—Evergreens, which should always be pruned while they are in active growth.

2—Deciduous shrubs, which are either pruned right after flowering or in December.

Shrub and hedges are pruned to encourage their growth in the desired shape and direction to produce the necessary ornamental effect combined with a thick compact growth.

REMOVE FLOWERING BRANCHES

With many flowering shrubs it is necessary to remove practically all the branches that have flowered, to encourage new strong heavy growth which will bear next year's flowers in greater profusion.

It is quite a usual practice to retard the growth of ornamental shrubs in the garden by cutting the roots with a spade or knife. This system is used by nurserymen to promote a compact root system and to retard shrubs to keep them at a small enough size for easy handling.

If shrubs in the garden have to be cut back because they are too big, the roots should also be pruned or they will quickly reach their original size again. Each plant has a natural form of growth which it tries to take, regardless of how it may be pruned. Hence the necessity for continually trimming plants to keep them in the shape we desire. Do not try to radically change the shape or form of a plant; it is better to guide the growth and encourage it in the required form.

EVERGREENS

When pruning evergreen trees and shrubs, special care must be taken or a lovely specimen may be spoiled.

Evergreens are different from other trees and shrubs in that they cannot produce new growth from old wood. If large branches are removed, exposing unsightly places, these cannot be readily covered up because no new growth can start there. The growth of evergreens is entirely from the ends of the branches. It is therefore necessary to keep this type of plant in shape by clipping the new growth while it is in active growth. This is generally done in April or May here.

Evergreens that get too large or unsightly had better be replaced than to prune them back heavily.

Broad leaved evergreens such as rhododendrons should not be pruned except to remove dead wood. After flowering remove all dead flowers and seed pods. When this type of shrub becomes too straggly, it may be cut back to the ground level in spring when new growth will quickly start.

FLOWERING SHRUBS

Shrubs can be divided into two classes, namely: Those which bloom in spring or early summer from buds on the wood of the previous year's growth; and those which flower in late summer or early fall from buds on the present year's growth of wood. The former should be pruned in the winter months or early spring before the sap starts to rise.

The same general rules as to quality and quantity of bloom applies to some extent to the pruning of these shrubs. Those lightly pruned will produce the greatest show of flowers while those more sharply pruned will produce fewer flowers but of better quality.

However, as such shrubs usually are planted for their natural beauty and mass effect rather than just flowers, it is advisable to prune more with a view to vigor, health and beauty rather than flower development.

The Forsythia (Golden Bell) for instance, will produce more bloom and have a better appearance if permitted to retain its natural form. After flowering its branches should be thinned out and all dead growth removed. Also some of the branches two or three years old may be cut away in order to aid in the growth of new wood. Aim, however, to keep the natural shape as nearly as conditions will permit.

PRUNE IN SUMMER

The following list gives a few of the shrubs in this class which should be pruned in the summer after flowering:

Abelia, azalea (Mollis), calycanthus floridus (sweet shrub), celastrus (bitter sweet), ceris (Judas tree), chionanthus (white fringe), cistus, cornus (dogwood), crataegus oxyacantha (English hawthorne), exochorda (pearl bush), forsythia (golden bell), loncera frangrantissima (bush honeysuckle), prunus (flowering almond), roses (climbing varieties), spiraea prunifolia (bridal wreath), spiraea thunbergii, spiraea van houttei, syringa (lilac), viburnum (snowball), viburnum opulus (high-bush cranberry), weigelia (dier-villas).

PRUNE IN WINTER

A few of the shrubs in the class which should be pruned in the winter while dormant, are as follows:

Althea, shrubby (rose of Sharon), buddleia (butterfly shrub), hydrangea paniculata (common hardy hydrangea), lilac japonica (tree lilac), roses (garden bush varieties), spiraea bumalda (Anthony Waterer), spiraea douglasii, vitex incisa.

The following shrubs require very little pruning. The occasional removal of broken or old wood being all that is necessary:

Barberis thunbergii (Japanese barberry), barberis vulgaris (common barberry), deutzia, kalmia latifolia (laurel), laburnum (golden chain), magnolia, mahonia, philadelphus (mock orange), rhododendron.

These shrubs are used either as individual specimens or in a mixed shrubbery border. If the former, they will need more pruning to keep them to the desired shape; if part of a shrubbery border, it is best to prune but little so that the plants may keep their natural form as much as possible.

FELBRIDGE, Surrey—Because two county boundaries run right through her house, Mrs. H. Gray sleeps in Surrey and her two daughters in Sussex.

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"Good morning, dear!"

Backstage At 'Old Vic' With War Play, Pantomime



Two children listening intently to Reginald Hincks explaining one of the scenes of the Christmas pantomime on a miniature model stage. The children (left to right) are Marilyn McElmoyle and Jeannie Burns.

By HUMPHRY DAVY

If you want to know something about the theatre in the city when Victoria was the centre of dramatic art in the province, see Reginald Hincks, the man who introduced pantomimes to the city 38 years ago.

Reg, as he is called by his friends, is well known to old timers and the present generation of young actors and singers. In his 76th year, the theatrical director is still actively connected with the stage and produces the Christmas pantomimes which have now become annual attractions for tourists across the border.

At his office at the School of Theatrical Arts on Broad Street, he was reluctant to speak about the old-time theatre.

"You shouldn't come to me," he said. "You should go to Herbert Kent. My recollections as compared with his are merely mushroom growths."

He was induced, however, to give us some back-stage information dating back to 1908 which will bring back to the memories of the older generations of Victorians some incidents that they may be happy to recall.

AT THE OLD VIC

Mr. Hincks was first connected with the old Victoria Theatre which stood upon the site now occupied by Spencer's store, having its main entrance on Douglas Street.

"The Balmoral was directly opposite and the Brown Jug, just around the corner, were both very useful places when relaxation became a necessity," he said smilingly.

His description of the old theatre would shock theatre-goers of today. It had antediluvian back-stage equipment, and it enjoyed a reputation of being dirty and the home of a colony of rats. Many a time chorus girls refused to go down to dress until someone came to chase the rats away by throwing pieces of wood at them, he recalls. "For this purpose we used to keep a pile at the top of the stairs leading to the dressing rooms," he said.

But Mr. Hincks had a good word to say about the old theatre, despite all its handicaps. "That old stage had what no other Victoria stage has had since—it had the real old theatre atmosphere," he said. "It felt and smelt just as the old stage used to do at home (England). Admittedly not a very pleasant atmosphere to those who are not accustomed to it, but very comforting to those who are."

Progress finally steamrolled the old theatre out of existence

and the more magnificent Royal Victoria came into being. According to Mr. Hincks, a true and faithful history of the birth-pangs of the Royal Victoria, if anyone had the necessary knowledge to write it, would make a truly interesting and entertaining document.

PRINCESS SHOWS FOR RED CROSS

Then came the First Great War. Unable to help in any other direction, Mr. Hincks and a small group of actors suggested to the Red Cross that a regular income might be made by leasing the Princess Theatre on Yates Street and running regular shows entirely by voluntary effort. This house was originally the A.O. U.W. Hall. Then it became, in the following order the Princess, the Playhouse and finally the Plaza.

Mr. Hincks recalls that at the first meeting with Red Cross officials "they all thought we were completely mad and didn't hesitate to say so."

However, at the critical moment two or more far-seeing citizens came to the rescue and did not allow the project to die.

"They came to us and told us that they had deposited the sum of \$1,000 on our credit at the bank," he relates. "They told us to go right ahead, spend all that was necessary and to come back to them if we wanted any more."

CO-OPERATION, HARD WORK

Many people have asked Mr. Hincks how it was done. His answer is, "Whole-hearted co-operation from every single person to whom we went for help, plus a lot of real hard work from such well-known Victorians as Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mrs. Tilton, Miss Marion Pitts, Stewart Clark, Herbert Kent, Archie Fairbairn, Jimmy Hunter, Harry Pearce, James Angus, Charles Williams and Major and Mrs. Taylor."

The Red Cross shows which were staged there had a 15-piece orchestra in the pit. It may be of some interest to music lovers to know that at the head of the orchestra, seated at a small cottage piano, was one of the finest women pianists in the world—no less than Gertrude Huntly Green of Victoria.

After the war Mr. Hincks be-

gan producing another series of shows on the stage of the Playhouse. These proved popular. Each show consisted of the best silent picture, a comedy, a short and complete stage play, usually musical, running for about one hour. All this was given for the same price of admission that is charged at a cinema today.

FROZEN OUT BY TALKIES

The stage shows were produced and directed by Mr. Hincks. They changed every week and were popular for years. Finally the playhouse received its death-blow, almost overnight, by the advent of the talking picture. The show went out of business.

Today Mr. Hincks is often stopped on the street by people

who are anxious to tell him they never missed one of his Playhouse shows and how much they enjoyed them. Among the actors and singers who played in the shows, Mr. Hincks recalls the following names: Eva Hart, Ernie Petch, Peggy Lewis, Will Marshall, Vivian Combe, Roberta Balcomb, Frank Allwood, Bob Webb, George Brydon, Harold Bechtel, Ernie Impett and Alf Adams.

One form of entertainment that has always remained in the affection of Mr. Hincks is the Christmas pantomime. Like every other English child, he used to look forward to them

from one year's end to the other, and he has been the leading spirit in perpetuating pantomime in Canada. Since his first pantomime in 1909, he has produced "Cinderella," "Aladdin," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Robinson Crusoe," "Jack the Giantkiller," "Ali Baba," "Mother Goose," "Red Riding Hood," "Robin Hood," "Puss in Boots" and "Dick Whittington."

This year's pantomime—produced for the benefit of the Solarium, is "Babes in the Wood," and it will be seen at the Royal Theatre on Dec. 15 and 17. The Christmas pantomime has become such a feature that the

Music And Drama....

By AUDREY S.D. JOHNSON

The other day a large Victoria audience heard a tuneless popular song written by that extreme modernist and, to many, inexplicable composer, Stravinsky. It seems that Stravinsky has stated that he must make money! What a vulgar and astonishing idea for a species who are traditionally supposed to live on air and the fruits of the spirit.

It almost seems that composers today are earthy creatures, very different from their fore-runners, Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven. And if they are going to stoop to such considerations what of the quality of their creative production; is that likely to become earth-bound also?

The answer seems to be that anything created by man must change with the changing times. The world is a very different place even to the world of De-

bussy and Ravel. For one thing, two great wars have churned across it since their time. Debussy found most of his inspiration in nature, as did Beethoven, but many composers today seek to express the human life around them—the domestic scene, the foundry, disarmament conferences.

TODAY'S PROBLEMS

As to a composer turning out "potboilers" as it were, the necessities of life for our Stravinskies and Gouls, are far more numerous and expensive than in Mozart's day. If Mozart, through the production of glorious music and by concertizing, had been able to earn enough to clothe, feed and house himself and his wife, he might have lived to a ripe old age and heaven alone knows what marvels he might have accomplished!

Another point: Stravinsky probably desires to devote himself to composition. Traveling about Europe and America, concertizing and guest conducting supply the aforesaid roof, etc., plus today's more complicated needs, but the time swallowed up in this way could be better spent writing the music which will be his immortality. How much wiser then, to devote himself to composition, earning his living by tossing off a few catchy songs that probably take almost no time at all from his serious work.

In 1843, Edvard Grieg was born at Bergen, Norway, the second great Norwegian music-maker to be born there in the nineteenth century. Ole Bull, the violin virtuoso who was a contemporary and emulator of Paganini, was the first.

In the 40 years since his death, Grieg has been regarded as the foremost—almost the sole—exponent of Norwegian music. However, it seems that at the time of Grieg's death, a small boy named Harald Saeverud was completing his first compositions and at his home, near Bergen, (which seems to have been influenced on Norway's musicians) he has lived for the better part of 40 years, composing important works which, until recently, have been unknown outside Norway.

His popularity among his own people grew with the Nazi occupation, when his music came to symbolize their hope, faith and will to resist. One of the works that evolved out of this period

Guess who they are? The trio made quite a hit in the old Victoria Theatre in 1910. Left to right, Phyllis Davis, now Mrs. D'Oyly Rochfort of Vancouver; Brian Drake, retired registrar of the Appeal, Supreme and County courts, and Doris Barrington-Foote, formerly of Victoria.

B.C. government is now advertising it in their literature as a special attraction for visitors to the city.

With regard to the future of the theatre, Mr. Hincks is of the opinion that it is coming back into its own.

"Public interest in the stage is going up by leaps and bounds," he said. "There has definitely been a revival."

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